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FIRE SCARE AT SCHOOL

Boy arrested after smoke spurs evacuation

A BOY of 12 has been arrested on suspicion of arson following a fire at his school.

Burnt Mill School, in First Avenue, Harlow, had to be evacuated after the fire was discovered in a downstairs toilet shortly before 1pm on Tuesday.

Acrid black smoke from a melting toilet roll holder filled the room and corridor outside the lavatories, and two school caretakers were checked out by paramedics at the scene after breathing in the fumes.

Firefighters initially feared five people were missing, but all students and staff were later safely accounted for.

The fire is thought to have started when toilet paper was set alight and the flames were extinguished in minutes – although it took crews almost an hour to clear the area

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of smoke and check the building to ensure everybody was safely out.

Headteacher Stephen Chamberlain stressed the incident was only minor when he spoke to the *Star* yesterday (Wednesday), reporting that staff and pupils remained calm and were back at their desks within an hour.

“As far as we’re concerned, this was a relatively minor incident for the school,” he said. “The two caretakers who discovered the fire were checked on-site by ambulance crews and the five ‘missing’ pupils were simply a little late for the roll call.”

“Both the police and fire service were

very pleased with our evacuation strategy and, to be fair to them, they both arrived on the scene very promptly.”

Harlow fire station officer John Convey said: “The amount of fire damage was minimal – it was the thick black smoke that caused us the most problems.”

“But the crews of Blue Watch Harlow dealt with the situation quickly and efficiently, and we gave the all-clear for staff and pupils to go back into the school within one hour.”

“We were very impressed with the way staff at the school calmly handled the evacuation.”

A police spokesman confirmed a 12-year-old boy had been arrested on suspicion of arson. He was released on police bail to return to Harlow police station on April 13.

10-to-a-house family ‘living in Dark Ages’



A WOMAN living cramped with nine family members in the same house has accused Harlow Council of ignoring the family’s basic needs, comparing their conditions to something out of the Dark Ages.

Five adults and five children spanning three generations share the four-bedroom house in Milwards, Harlow.

Mum Susan Rowlands sleeps on a couch while her 20-year-old daughter shares a double room with an 18-month-old and a two-year-old, her 19-year-old daughter shares a single room with an eight-year-old, the 22-year-old shares a bedroom with a four- and a five-year-old, and her 21-year-old daughter sleeps in a box room.

Mrs Rowlands (42) claims the council

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Trust's £60k will help refurb club



GRATEFUL: Legion president Geoff Buckman, left, and John Paul Goddard at the presentation (photo: DJVDQZRF/01)

THE final stages of a major refurbishment can now take place at a club for ex-servicemen, their families and friends thanks to a generous donation.

Members of the Royal British Legion club, in Harlow's Clifton Hatch, accepted a cheque for £60,000 from Harlow Recreation Trust on Saturday for maintenance and improvement work to transform the former council Playbarn.

The grant will fund a new central heating and air conditioning system, new ceiling tiles to replace old water-damaged ones, new carpets and furniture and energy-efficient internal lighting.

In addition, the money will make possible new security measures including electric shutters for the windows and floodlights for the car park.

The work will complete a long-running refurbishment programme for which the club has so far had to carry out its own fundraising.

Already the club's committee has done up the toilets, repainted the bar area, and brought the kitchen up to standard to enable good-value lunches to be offered to members.

Club chairman Geoff Buckman said: "We have already spent a lot of our own money improving the club but this grant will allow us to complete work we just wouldn't otherwise have been able to afford. All the members here are very grateful."

The Harlow Recreation Trust was set up by the council some years ago to assist community groups in providing leisure and recreational facilities to town residents.

Chairman John Paul Goddard said: "We've done a lot for young people in recent years, so this time around I was very keen that the trust did something to help older sections of the Harlow community. I am delighted we have been able to make this award to such a deserving group."

As good as Golder!

HARLOW couple Marie and Gary Golder have been rewarded for their exceptional contribution to annual Cancer Research UK fundraiser Race For Life.

The Primrose Field pair, who have been a part of the event for 10 years, were among volunteers recognised at an awards ceremony held by the charity last month.

Charity spokeswoman Louise Holland said: "These awards are given to extraordinary individuals who demonstrate passion and commitment to Race For Life and Cancer Research UK. Marie and Gary's support exceeded all of our expectations and I'm delighted to be able to publicly thank them."

So far, almost 900 women have signed up for the three-mile fun run in Harlow Town Park on May 18, but places are still available and volunteers are needed to assist with organisation. Call 0871 641 2282.

Rotary shelter aid

HARVEY Centre shoppers were transported into a mock disaster zone last Saturday as Rotarians demonstrated examples of emergency equipment they have sent overseas.

The Rotary organisation keeps thousands of the Shelterboxes – which contain a tent and crucial supplies – in stock for quick dispatch. Including transportation, they cost around £490 each.

During the demonstration, passers-by donated £145 to Rotary.

Any organisations who wish to host a talk on the emergency relief work should call Alan Leverett on (01279) 432480.

More than a coffee

A NEW weekly social gathering offers "Not Just Coffee", but friendly fellowship and the opportunity to snap up bargains.

Redeemer Lutheran Church at Bush Fair is holding its NJC coffee mornings every Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm, with a jumble sale included. For more details, call Sasheen Graham on (01279) 830539.

Cycling pair praise

TWO postmen who raised more than £6,000 for Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice by cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats last year have been shortlisted for a Royal Mail award.

Rob Leonard (36) and Bob Redman (44) were nominated by bosses for the 1st Class People award in January and have now got through to the final stage, winning £100 each.

If they go on to win overall, they will bag prize money of £1,000.

A Horrid encounter

YOUNG fans of Horrid Henry books are invited to North Weald Library on Saturday for a special question and answer session with author Francesca Simon.

The day begins at 11am and will also include quizzes and other activities. To book a free place, call (01992) 522896.

RSPCA jumble sale

A JUMBLE sale featuring new and secondhand items takes place at St Giles Church Hall, in Nazeing, on Saturday in aid of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Admission is 20p from 2pm.

A day for women

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day is celebrated at the Latton Bush Centre, in Southern Way, Harlow, from 11am on Saturday with a variety of demonstrations and attractions.

Freezing nights don't stop camping scouts



FREEZING weather could not stop 50 Scouts from Harlow having a great time at their annual winter camp.

The gang, from the 16th Harlow and 7th Harlow troops and Harlow District Explorer group, spent a weekend under canvas at Belchamps Campsite,

in Southend, where overnight temperatures dropped to -6C. But the daytime made up for it, with activities including climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, and more.

Pictured above is Kirstie Wright (17) getting to grips with bouldering.

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Tributes after sudden death of Carl Hoddle



TRIBUTES have been paid to Carl Hoddle, the brother of former England manager Glenn Hoddle, who died at his Sawbridgeworth home after suffering a brain aneurysm.

Mr Hoddle (40), who lived with his second wife Dawn, *both pictured above*, and stepdaughter Robyn in West Road, died after collapsing on Saturday.

The former Burnt Mill School pupil began his footballing career as a youngster at Spurs and later played for Barnet and Leyton Orient. He was a former coach and scout for Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Keith Mawer, landlord of The Three Horseshoes pub, in West Road – which Mr Hoddle owned and ran with his wife until about five years ago – said: “He was a nice fella, really friendly, the sort of fella who would buy anybody a drink and have a chat.”

Mr Mawer said the last time he saw Mr Hoddle was on February 24, the day of the Carling Cup when Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1.

“When they won, he was jumping up and down in the street,” he said. “Customers have been stunned by his sudden death.”

● TO leave your tribute to Mr Hoddle, visit our website at www.harlowstar.co.uk and click on the Family Announcements button.

Centre's setback as vandals strike

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A PROJECT to create a new community centre in Ladyshot suffered a major setback when vandals struck twice within days.

Hundreds of pounds of damage was done to windows at the sports pavilion, which Harlow Town Football Club is converting into a neighbourhood facility.

The new glazing was fitted only a fortnight ago.

As well as football training, which is already up and running, the centre will eventually offer youngsters and adults boxing, basketball and other activities.

But it took the wreckers just days to destroy a key part of the £10,000 project, first attacking last weekend and then returning on Sunday night.

The attack has delayed work – which was on course to be completed by Easter – and piled new costs onto the club. Although glazing firm Everbrite will repair the windows for free, the club has now had to splash out on cameras and other security measures in a bid to prevent further vandalism.

The episode has also brought back painful memories of November 2006 when yobs smashed a hole in a wall and trashed the building, at that time used as base for the Hawks' academy.

The latest damage was discovered by the club's community director Bill Songhurst, who said it was a massive blow.

“We're trying to do something for



FRUSTRATING: Pictured at the scene of the vandalism are community development officer Della Gregory and community director Bill Songhurst (photo: PRXQ4DNR/01)

the community here and this is the thanks we get,” he said.

“The whole point of trying to get young people into sport in this way is to steer them away from committing crime, but again we're the victims of the people we're trying to help. It's depressing and massively frustrating.”

Passmores gets nearer to move

PASSMORES School has taken a step closer to being relocated to state-of-the-art facilities on the current Brays Grove School site.

Governors are now satisfied the conditions of their original approval in December 2006 have been addressed by County Hall.

Among other issues, they wanted clarification on admissions and transport for current pupils who would have to travel further.

County Hall still has to grant funding and planning permission must be sought for the premises, which will cater for up to 1,200 children, cost upwards of £23m and is due for completion in 2011.

The news has pleased Passmores headteacher Vic Goddard, who said the move will bring the school into the 21st Century.

“I am delighted that the uncertainty concerning the location of our school is coming to an end,” he said.

“I look forward to designing a building that will support delivery of a curriculum for our students that will truly match the aspirations of all our stakeholders, especially our students, using the technology required to be a success in the 21st century.”

Death on tracks

RAIL services were delayed after a man died on the tracks at Harlow Mill station on Monday morning.

The man was stuck by a train at platform two shortly after 11am. Passengers were led off the train while

emergency services attended the scene; police are not treating the death as suspicious.

Services between Broxbourne and Bishop's Stortford were delayed and others cancelled, with replacement buses used.

10-to-a-house family 'living in Dark Ages'

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admitted the property was ‘inadequate’ when she first moved in seven years ago – since then, four more children have been born.

She has unsuccessfully applied for larger accommodation and said she has even requested separate council houses in a bid to escape the cramped conditions.

“It's like going back to Victorian times or the Dark Ages,” she said. “The council knew it was inadequate for us all that time ago; they have done absolutely nothing to help.”

“Three of my daughters work and there's no way they can afford to pay for private accommodation at the moment – it's far too expensive.”

The living conditions have put a huge strain on the family and Mrs Rowlands said she had suffered depression as a result.

A council spokesman said on Monday the authority would not discuss Mrs Rowlands' situation, adding:

“Unfortunately, there is a high demand for larger homes and applicants will always wait much longer for these properties.

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Traveller pitches consultation

RESIDENTS are to have a say on plans to create new official traveller pitches in Harlow and Epping Forest.

The unelected East of England Regional Assembly recently recommended proposals for at least 15 new trav-

eller pitches in every district, bringing the number in Harlow to 49 and in Epping Forest to 143.

Concerns have been raised from both sides of the political spectrum, with both Harlow MP Bill Rammell and his

Conservative opponent Robert Halfon suggesting the town already has its fair share of gipsy provision.

Visit www.go-east.gov.uk or call 0117 372 8424 for a copy of the consultation document. The exercise ends on May 16.

A new-born reason to leap for joy



(photo: TXBFGZ4M/01)

MEET Abbie, one of 11 leap year babies to enter the world at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

The first child of Jamie and Graeme Smart, of Willowfield, Harlow, the 7lb 7oz bundle of joy was born at 4.37am on Friday.

Proud father Graeme said: "The 29th was the first date we were given for Abbie to be born, so the leap year thing has been a bit of a running joke – but we're just delighted with our new arrival, regardless of which day she came along!"

The family plan to celebrate the youngster's next few birthdays on the 28th of the month – until 2012, of course, when the next leap year comes around!

Council weak in fraud fight

HOUSING and council tax benefit cheats get an easy ride in Harlow and look to continue doing so, according to a new report.

Harlow Council's poor performance at investigating benefit swindlers has been identified as one of its main weaknesses in the internal review.

The latest quarterly performance report to the audit and improvement committee identifies the number of fraud investigators employed and the number of fraud investigations carried out to be among 17 areas where key performance indicators are being missed.

But unlike many of the other struggling areas where improvement strategies are in place, the report admits that performance in probing fraud is unlikely to be back on track "for the foreseeable future" – and could even decline further.

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The report blames staff shortages for leaving officials powerless to turn the situation around and admits the implication for the cash-strapped authority of continuing to miss its fraud investigation targets is less money being retrieved from benefit scroungers.

Under a section headed "how will the causes of under-performance be addressed?", the report states: "In view of current budget pressures and calls for staff reductions, it is unlikely the (number of investigations) measure will increase. In fact, it will probably decrease for the rest of the year and beyond."

Tory opposition leader Andrew Johnson (Conservative) told the *Star* he had predicted the problem: "I raised concern at the budget-setting that the council might not be able to

fight fraud effectively next year. The council leader Tony Durcan did not agree, but already it seems he was wrong.

"I understand that the administration needs to make redundancies due to its financial black hole, but you have to question reducing the benefits fraud team when the council is already so bad at dealing with fraud."

● **DESPITE** the council's official priority being a "cleaner, greener, safer Harlow", the report also shows it falling short in recycling, maintaining environmental cleanliness of the town and tackling crime.

Missed targets include homelessness prevention, household waste recycling; littering; visible graffiti; violent crimes per 1,000 population; and robberies per 1,000 population.

However, the report also stresses general improvement at the Civic Centre, stating 73.13 per cent of the 67 indicators have improved or sustained performance.

Surgery closure may hit chemist

ROYDON'S GP surgery is to close, putting the village's only pharmacy at risk.

Patients of the High Street surgery learnt last week the building is being sold off and will close at the end of March, meaning they must travel to Hoddesdon for appointments in future.

The owner of nearby Dee's Pharmacy, Dipak Vasani, warned that the knock-on effect could devastate his business.

"Obviously, it's going to affect us in a very bad way," he said. "We will only be able to survive if we are supported by the community."

The news has angered parish councillors, who are currently in talks with West Essex Primary Care Trust about the possibility of providing a new health centre for Roydon.

Parish Council chairwoman Heather Nicholas said: "Most of the people who attend the surgery are either elderly or have young children. There is no direct bus or rail route from Roydon to Hoddesdon, forcing people without a car to pay about £14 for a taxi to see their doctor."

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MP's bid to calm immigrant fears

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MASS-immigration from eastern Europe has become such a concern in Harlow that a series of meetings are being held in a bid to allay fears.

MP Bill Rammell has already held several coffee mornings to discuss the issue, with another planned for Saturday at Peterswood Infant School.

Many constituents have also responded to a questionnaire from the MP about their perceptions of the benefits and drawbacks of the high levels of immigration since 2004, when the EU was enlarged, as well as how problems could be addressed.

It comes after a concerns were raised that immigrants are impacting on housing, services and employment.

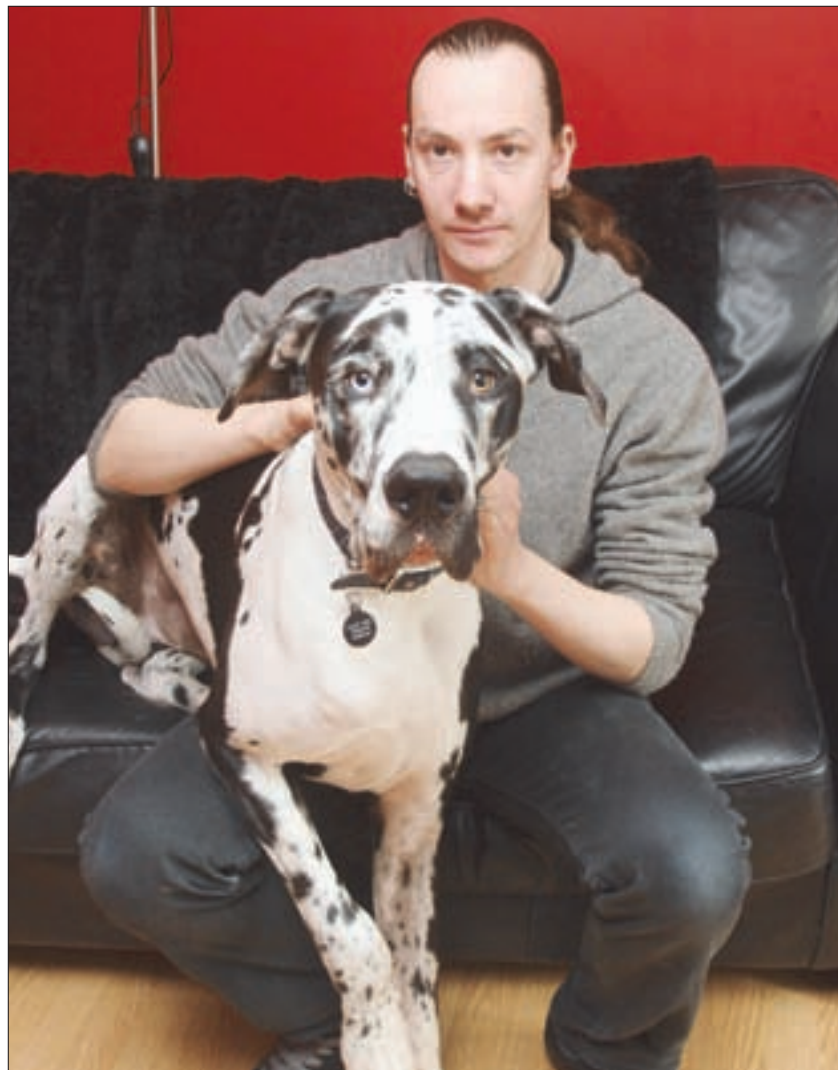
Even though his Labour Government allowed the unprecedented immigration by declining to impose controls on the EU accession states, Mr Rammell admits the influx has created problems.

In an invitation to the meetings, he writes: "A sudden influx of migrant workers has an impact on local communities. That is why I think it is important to think carefully about the benefits and problems caused by migrant workers."

However, he told the *Star* there was nothing unusual about the meetings as he had been hosting them on important topics for the past seven years, and he would soon be running others on "a cleaner, greener, safer Harlow".

"I wanted to have an honest and open dialogue about the issues to allay constituents' concerns and give them information about what the Government is doing both nationally and locally to explore both the benefits and deal with the problems of mass immigration," he said. "The initiative has proved a resounding success, with many of my constituents welcoming the opportunity to put their opinion across in an informal setting."

Mac savaged by bull terrier



A DOG-owner fears the vicious Staffordshire bull terrier that terrorised Harlow could be back after his pet was savagely mauled. Neil Cook, of Barley Croft, was walking 13-month-old great Dane Mac along the cycle path to Longbanks on Thursday when a brown, black and white bull terrier pounced.

The dog – which was not on a leash and fits the description of the animal blamed for last year's spate of attacks – clamped its jaws around Mac's neck and held on as Mr Cook tried desperately to drag it off. "I'm still a little bit shaken by the experience," he said. "The Staffie wouldn't let go of Mac's neck, and even when the owner appeared

ATTACKED: Neil Cook with Mac (photo: MK4X7DKF/02)

she didn't seem that bothered about what was happening."

Mr Cook rushed his injured pet to the vet's, where surgeons stapled the puncture wounds and started a course of antibiotics.

"I just couldn't believe that the owner didn't have her dog on a leash – it's clearly a danger to other dogs. But when I contacted the police, they said there was nothing they could do because it was a dog-on-dog attack."

A police spokeswoman said such attacks are a civil matter, but added the force still wants to hear from anyone with information about similar incidents.

Panto audience down

A LOWER than expected audience for the Christmas panto at The Playhouse has been blamed on an impending recession.

Harlow Council's audit and improvement committee learnt on Thursday of the "slight" decline in attendance for *Dick Whittington* compared with previous pantos, although no figures were given. A relative fall in sales of ice cream and other

products was also reported. A report stated: "This may be an indication that the signs of recession that affected retailers over the Christmas period may also have had an impact on The Playhouse." It added: "There is currently no reason to believe that The Playhouse will not come in on budget at the end of the financial year."

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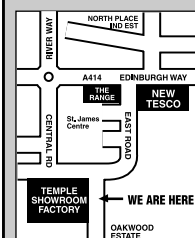


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WE SAY

Knee-jerk mobs have been nipped in the bud by the wise tactics of MP Bill Rammell.

In a pre-emptive strike to any uproar about the latest immigration figures, he has asked the views of his constituents on the issue rather than preach Whitehall pacification techniques. The Government believes it will only learn the true scale of its open door to eastern Europe at the grass roots level – and while questionnaires may seem a fairly weak form of garnering opinion, the public meetings are sure to get the point across.

However, due to data protection and confidentiality, the true extent of the impact on housing is something the public can't discover for itself – it calls for Government honesty.

Most right-minded people can see the difference between 'benefit-sapping' immigrants and those who can genuinely help the economy – this, too, is not for the people to decide, but for the Government to disclose.

The effect on hospitals, schools, crime and NHS dentists also can't be judged by the man on the street.

In fact, it seems the only obvious effect we can comment on is a few more foreign accents and unusual food on supermarket shelves.

Of course we need our say, and Mr Rammell should be applauded for listening, but it's his own Government who need to give him the real answers.

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MP's discourtesy not good enough

SIR, As members of MP Bill Rammell's constituency, my wife and I went to the House of Commons on February 27 to speak to him about the case for holding a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.

We arrived at midday and established he was in the house for Prime Minister's Questions. We filled in the appropriate request form at the desk in the lobby of the house, along with four other people who were also waiting to see him.

We waited until 2pm, but there was no response from him or his office. I know he is a busy man, but not even to have had an acknowledgement of our request, or an apology that he was busy, was very poor indeed, although we did see other MPs come to the lobby to speak to constituents.

Perhaps because there was a mass rally about the subject of the Lisbon Treaty at that time means he would rather not have been exposed to his constituents. Perhaps he may have recognised our names as Conservative Harlow councillors, perhaps he really was too busy, but these are neither excuses nor good reasons for not even acknowledging us.

Surely he is elected to Parliament on behalf of every resident of Harlow, not just those who share his particular opinions or brand of politics?

Not good enough, Mr Rammell.

Councillor Lee Dangerfield
Civic Centre, Harlow

Excellent research

SIR, Many congratulations on your excellent research into the Medium Term Financial Strategy (*Star*, February 21) – this ploy is being used by other councils as well, apparently.

Up in the Blackpool area, the leader of Fylde Council is telling residents that council tax would have to go up by over eight per cent if they want to save one of

their pools and by 18 per cent if they want to save both Kirkham and St Anne's swimming pools.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the 2008 MTFs for Fylde Council reveals that the net effect of salaries/wages and superannuation will double over the next three years – the figures being buried in Appendix B in a table labelled "Unavoidable changes"

The council are also known to want to spend £5m on improvements for the Town Hall, so it looks as if the swimming pools could be quite needlessly sacrificed. The same document reveals that the council hopes to avoid capital expenditure on the pools by closing them down.

Sally Wainman
Hatfield Road, Ipswich

More about gully

SIR, In reply to Phil Bowles query about the gully (*Letters*, February 14), I have lived in Bishopsfield since 1971; for years we walked our kids and various dogs on what we called 'the circuit'.

This entailed walking the footpath past Charters Cross and Woodcroft. I've never seen water in that gully. We carried on following the gully all the way to Passmores House where we picked up Todd Brook. We always visited the butterfly gardens and fed the ducks on the pond there. We would then follow Todd Brook again.

The section that runs from Penlow Road to the path leading to Passmores House was made irregular, muddy and difficult by horses ridden along it. Sometimes the wild undergrowth would be cut back by the council, but they stopped doing it sometime in the late '70s. There's always been a path through the woods in between Passmores House and the horse field.

We then followed the cycle track circling round passing the school playing field, Tye Green, the rear of Goldings farm, then home, crossing Partridge Road and into Bishopsfield.

I'd be very interested to know if more information is found by Phil Bowles.

J. Wright
Bishopsfield, Harlow

Bad track record

SIR, The subject of closure of the swimming pool comes round again.

I can imagine the council wanting to sell the site for so-called affordable housing. One way to deal with this is to get an estimate for repair costs, make them as high as possible to justify the closure, then sell to the highest bidder.

This council has a history of letting things rot to justify selling to property developers. This results in follies like the Water Gardens. A huge car park, a few shops and not a toilet to be found.

This is supposed to be looking after Harlow residents. They do not do this and certainly do not want visitors from out of town. Saturday parking is dearer than mid-week – a real incentive to come here.

L. King
Church Leys, Harlow

Blighted by litter

SIR, My thanks to David Carter for highlighting the blight on our town that is the litter and broken glass we endure daily (*Letters*, February 21).

My thanks also to Kier Harlow, for responding promptly to my frequent phone calls reporting yet more broken glass on cycle tracks.

I am sure that there are many users of the cycle tracks who are totally fed up with this plague. What makes it most depressing is that there are 'hot spots' where litter and glass are liberally distributed on an almost daily basis. Not surprisingly, the worst locations are where there are public benches. Putting litter bins next to the seats is not an option, I'm told – no money! Removing the seats might work, but would penalise those who do not abuse the environment.

One of the worst locations is near the heliport, barely 150m from our police station! Might I suggest a few surprise visits from the constabulary during the

'picnic hour' to explain the errors of their ways to this inconsiderate minority?

I will continue to cycle, walk and report broken glass and litter in the hope that one day we can achieve the standard of cleanliness that we all crave, and that seems to be the norm in mainland Europe.

John Curry
Old Orchard, Harlow

Voices for culture

SIR, Last Saturday evening a standing ovation was accorded the magnificent Ynysowed Male Choir at a St David's Day Concert, in St Paul's Church.

The choir was visiting to raise funds for St Andrew's Church redevelopment.

Under the musical direction of Jennifer Jones and superbly supported by Susan Cotes (soprano) and Mary Evans (flute), the choir combined with the beautiful setting of St Paul's made it a most memorable evening.

Well done to all involved from both churches for making such a positive contribution to the cultural life of Harlow.

P. Evans
Cobbins Way, Harlow

Whitehall's fault

SIR, I would like to reply to Michael Danvers (*Letters*, February 28). Yes, indeed, Essex County Council spend more of our council tax than Harlow Council do and our roads are a disgrace, along with roads all around the country.

The main reason for this is a cutback of funds to all councils from the Labour Government. They are increasing taxes right across the board and not giving enough to local authorities to do the work that local people want.

If people want more of their money spent on local facility improvements, then they must ditch Gordon Brown and his government as soon as they can.

David Carter
Greyyoose Park, Harlow

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Youth café all ready to open

AFTER months of delays, Harlow's much-vaunted Café Youth is finally set to open its doors.

Originally scheduled to open before Christmas last year, the award-winning project in West Gate will open on March 28.

The premises will provide youngsters aged 11-17 with somewhere to meet in the evenings and will feature a pool table, internet access and a counter selling soft drinks, smoothies and snacks.

Joint council leader Tony Durcan welcomed the long-awaited opening and applauded the young people involved in the project for their hard work and commitment.

"Café Youth was a vision laid out by the Harlow Youth Council to make a real difference to the lives of young people living in the town, and with the hard work and guidance of council youth officers, the young people involved in bringing this project to a successful conclusion should be very proud of themselves," he said.

Service badge for war veterans



(photo: M7GJLCFM/01)

SECOND World War veterans in Harlow have been honoured for their service with lapel badges.

MP Bill Rammell gave the MoD emblems to 15 veterans at the Civic Centre on Friday, pictured above.

The men had applied for the badges, introduced by the Government in 2004 to raise the profile of war veterans and the role they have played in protecting their country. Afterwards, Mr Rammell said: "I am really pleased so

many veterans in Harlow have got in touch to apply for these impressive badges to be proudly worn on civilian attire. I was really pleased to meet the veterans and their families on Friday and listen to their experiences."

Murderer fails in appeal court bid

A TRAVELLER who beat a young woman to death has failed in a bid to overturn his conviction for murder.

Lawyers for Philip Stanley argued at the Court of Appeal that there could now be doubts about evidence given by a pathologist who had concluded that the victim, Haley Curtis, had died from a number of injuries consistent with being attacked.

Barrister Christine Laing, representing Stanley, told the three judges that the pathologist in question had made mistakes in another case which led to an alleged killer having his conviction quashed on appeal.

She added that the injuries could have been caused by a tipper truck which Stanley, who

By COURT REPORTER
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was living on a traveller's camp in Harlow when he met Miss Curtis, had used in disposing of the body.

During his trial at Norwich Crown Court, Stanley (58) claimed Ms Curtis had died in his arms – possibly from a drug overdose – and, in a panic, he had decided to get rid of her body.

He was convicted of murder in November 2005 and jailed for life. It followed the discovery of Miss Curtis' body in a shallow grave in Hampshire in early 2002. She had been dead for three months.

Lord Justice Latham, sitting with Sir Richard Curtis and Mr Justice Cranston, said that there could be some justified criticism of

the experienced pathologist because of his dogmatic and negative approach to claims Miss Curtis could have died of a drugs overdose. But the judge said that didn't detract from his conclusion that Miss Curtis had died as a result of injuries caused by violence, especially as none of the other pathologists called in the case had suggested he could be wrong.

Lord Justice Latham, who concluded that the jury were entitled to come to the decision which they did, also said there was a wealth of additional circumstantial evidence to suggest that Stanley had murdered Miss Curtis.

Within hours of being interviewed by police over her disappearance he had sold his caravan, which contained traces of her blood, and decided to move to Ireland. He also denied any knowledge of Miss Curtis when they had previously been living together.

Sports centre named in Olympic training guide

ELITE athletes could soon be limbering up in Harlow after the town was named in an official guide listing venues deemed suitable to host training camps ahead of the 2012 Olympic Games.

Harlow's new leisure centre, currently being built on former Harlow College playing fields, has been named in a guide of suitable facilities.

With the town still reeling from the premature closure of its swimming pool last year, the news has come as a huge boost. The new complex will eventually replace both the old Harlow Pool, in First Avenue, and Harlow Sportcentre in Hammar-skjold Road.

The announcement has been welcomed by Harlow councillors including Mark Wilkinson the authority's member champi-

on for the Olympics.

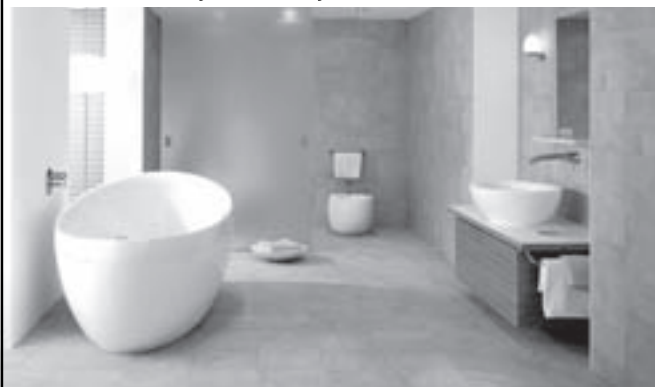
"This is excellent news and gives Harlow a real opportunity to be part of London 2012," he said. "It is a major part of what we are trying to do to ensure Harlow benefits from the Olympics."

Joint council leader Chris Millington added: "Not only is this positive news for the town, it is also excellent news for the new community sports and leisure centre and a vindication of the hard work put in by all the partners."

"When the new centre opens it will be one of the best in the region and a few years later could be used to help train London 2012 gold medallists."

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By
LOUISE SASSOON

SmartWater raining on burglars' parade

EVERY year, thousands of burglaries take place and in each one the crooks have made off with personal belongings which will probably never again be seen by their owners.

But, luckily for those living in the Harlow district, our police officers are among a handful in the UK to have begun using cutting-edge technology to help reunite those stolen items which have been recovered with their rightful owners and to bring offenders to justice – SmartWater.

The invisible fluid has been developed during the past decade and has proved a successful tool in reducing the number of break-ins, helping lower crimes by as much as 80 per cent in some areas where it is has been used.

It has a 100 per cent record in convictions and is so infamous among the criminal fraternity that if an area starts using the product, crime rates have been shown to dramatically fall. One research paper even suggested areas where SmartWater is used are five times less likely to be burgled.

How accurate the claims are when it comes to reducing crime in Harlow, only time will tell; SmartWater was put into use six months ago, since when an estimated 40,000 items have been marked.

Unlike conventional ultraviolet systems, the fluid carries its own unique DNA code which is registered to an address or vehicle. It is virtually impossible to destroy and it helps the police both identify owners and snare criminals by leaving them in no doubt



as to which items are stolen and from where.

The degree of identification provided by SmartWater has been likened to DNA profiling and it owes its accuracy to a chemical formula which can be analysed down to billionths of a part. Its efficiency means criminals will have to undertake an almost impossible task of removing every speck before he or she is safe from the police – not easy

when you can't see what you're trying to remove.

Harlow Inspector Bob Adams said the fluid – funded by the Government and Safer Harlow Partnership – has already made an impact on crime in the town, and with 46 schools burgled in the district last year alone, it is hoped it will go some way to making their expensive equipment safe too.

“What we are hoping is that if enough

gets marked around the vulnerable areas of Harlow, thieves will see the SmartWater sticker in house windows and hopefully they will be deterred from breaking into those properties,” he said. “It is like advertising you have a burglar alarm if you like, but this has the added benefit of allowing police to identify stolen goods at the home of a suspected burglar.”

PCSO Louise Webb added: “Our next

Unique DNA tagging fluid could help make Harlow a no-go area for thieves

WATER TOOL: Inspector Bob Adams and PCSO Louise Webb with a vial of SmartWater (photo: XNL4YJ9X/07)

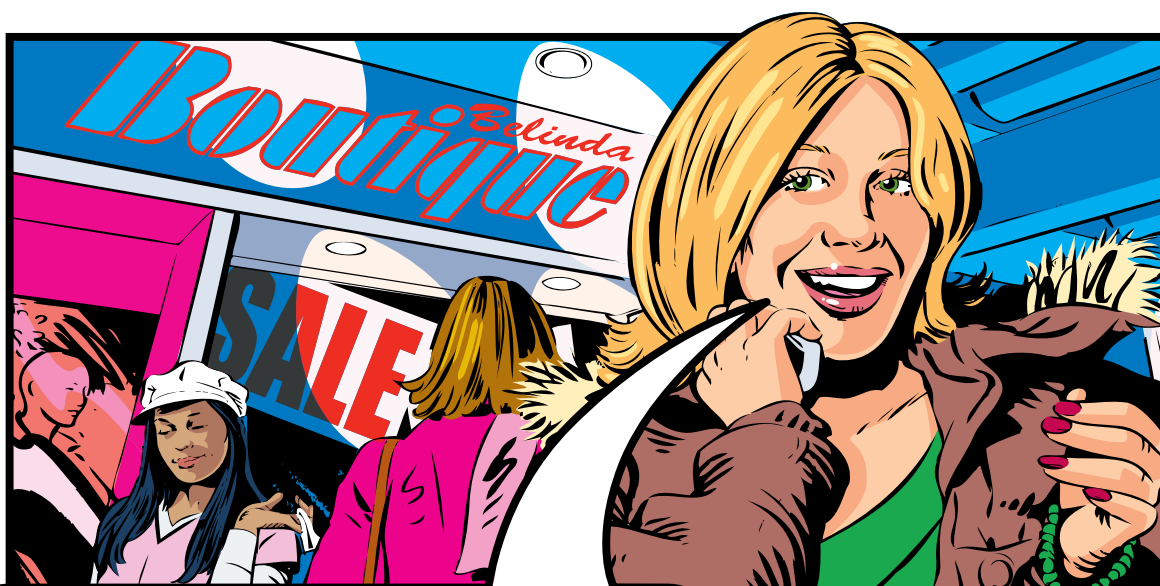
move will be to mark the property of schools and colleges because they are not always very secure environments and they are suffering from thefts, so that is something we are hoping to further address by using this.”

Mr Adams said property in the homes of elderly residents is also being marked to help put an end to distraction burglaries.

The only chink in the armour of the device is that there is limited funding for it and it can only be used to mark the property of houses in streets which qualify – usually, those dogged by persistent break-ins.

However, residents who are entitled to have their property marked are sometimes too busy to get it done when offered. In response, Ms Webb has been spearheading a drive which has seen her and the neighbourhood policing team take to the streets to get more people's property marked, setting up stalls in the Harvey Centre and outside Asda to ensure more people are aware of the new anti-theft tool.

“Having SmartWater is a really positive thing and if we can mark as much property as we can and help reduce crime in Harlow, then that will hopefully make the town a no-go area for thieves in the future,” she said.



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A day for delving into the family's history

SECRETS of the past were uncovered for some Harlow residents as they took advantage of a free family history day at the town's central library.

Experts from The Museum of Harlow teamed up with library staff to offer top tips on tracing ancestors, using books, records, computer programs and the internet.

Museum local history officer David Devine said: "These events always prove popular – genealogy is a subject which has really captured people's imagination in recent times, and more and more people are getting interested in their own family histories."

Informal advice on researching the past – as well as an array of fascinating displays – is also available at the museum, in Muskham Road, which is free and open Tuesday to Saturday.

Pictured, *left to right*, are David Devine, Barbara Harpin from the Essex Society for Family History, society chairman John Young, visitor Heather Kingley and society branch chairman Elizabeth Cox.

(photo: X22HQHRX/01)



Rescuers pelted in hail of stones

FIREFIGHTERS and police were met with a hail of stones as they attempted to put out a blaze at a Harlow travellers' site.

The incident, at the Fern Hill Lane facility, did not

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result in any injuries but will put pressure on fire brigade resources in the future with chiefs now ruling that for safety reasons the service will now

have to send a minimum of three appliances to any future calls at the site.

The attack occurred last Wednesday at 10.20pm when two fire crews, escorted by a police patrol, attended to reports of a car fire next to the site.

Access to the blaze could not be gained directly from the road, so one engine entered the travellers site to tackle the flames.

Another engine was waiting outside with a police car when both vehicles began to get pelted with stones.

Fire station officer John Convey said: "We have an excellent relationship with the camp and had no problem getting onto the site to put out the fire. We went about our work and the fire, which appears to have been started deliberately, was out by 10.53pm.

"But while this was going on, the crew outside the camp were parked alongside a police car and, although they didn't see anything, they heard stones being hurled at the appliance."

He said the crew got back

inside the cab for safety, adding: "At the same time, the group was hurling stones at the police car and one went through the back window while officers were inside. The Fire Service was caught in the crossfire."

Mr Convey said he did not know who was responsible for the attack but felt he now had no option but to send a minimum of three appliances to any future incidents at the site in order to safeguard his fire-fighters.

"This is simply to protect our crews and our equipment in the event we are faced with a similar situation," he said.

The incident took place just one week after the Fire Brigades Union released figures showing attacks on firemen to be increasing. However, such attacks in Harlow were not shown to have increased.

A police spokesman said: "We had emergency services attending a fire which could have spread and they were getting pelted with stones and one came through a police car window. We are investigating."

Big 'no' to Plain homes

A CAMPAIGN against a proposed large-scale housing development on land next to Epping's St Margaret's Hospital has stepped-up its fight.

Plans to build the 397 homes by The Plain have spurred the Plainly Say No campaign to publish concern about over-development in the town.

The campaign has delivered hundreds of leaflets against the Bellway Homes plan, claiming the development will put intolerable pressure on Epping's infrastructure, schools and traffic.

The lack of doctors' surgeries and NHS dentists were also highlighted, as was the fact the development would increase the town's housing stock by eight per cent in one fell swoop.

Campaign organiser Jeanette Goatcher said on Tuesday: "I urge people to come on board as this, if agreed, will simply suffocate the town.

"This is not NIMBYism as it will strangle all of Epping because it's a massive development."

The deadline for consultation has been extended and a public exhibition for residents to meet developers and look at plan will take place on March 17 from 5.30pm, in Epping Hall, St John's Road.

A date when the application goes before Epping Forest Council's planning committee has yet to be confirmed.

To join the campaign, visit www.psn.weebly.com or email bridgethegap@ntlworld.com.

Arm injury closes area

POLICE were called after a man with a serious cut to his arm approached nightclub bouncers in Harlow town centre.

Officers closed off The Rows for about 30 minutes from 9.30pm on Thursday after door staff at Liquid raised the alarm,

fearing he may have been attacked. The injured man was treated at nearby Princess Alexandra Hospital.

A spokesman for Essex Police said officers were trying to ascertain whether a crime had been committed.



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Did you get married at St Paul's?

OUR recent piece on Mr and Mrs Sawyer, the fourth couple to wed at St Paul's Church in The High, prompted contact from current vicar the Rev Lesley

Norton. She tells *Nostalgia* she would very much like to hear from couples who tied the knot at the church in decades past, with a view to

conducting a renewal of wedding vows service for them. Anyone interested can contact her on (01279) 439721.

When it was so great to skate



READER Mag Barrett sends us this picture, showing what the skating area at Spurriers looked like 30 years ago.

She was prompted to get in touch by the current threat to the area under the council's Town Park Plan.

"All four of our sons learnt to skate there," she writes. "They also watched

puppet shows while some of the band concerts were on.

"The surface is softer than concrete and always seemed somehow springier.

"It was sheltered, safe and a great addition to the area of our wonderful Town Park.

"I say to the council, please don't remove it – please restore it!"

The plight of single mums

NOSTALGIA is no place for moralist posturing – we have a letters page for that! – so I shall refrain from any comment on the contemporary situation.

But back in the 1960s, the issue of young Harlow women giving birth out of wedlock was clearly considered rather more of a concern than in today's liberal climate.

By 1967, in fact, the perceived problem was such that plans were afoot to establish a special home for unmarried mothers and their illegitimate offspring.

The radical proposal provided the front page lead story for the local paper of May 19. It explained that



By
BEN WILKINSON

the "unique scheme" was the brainchild of magistrate, headmistress of Fedsden School and Kingsmoor House resident Katharine Clare.

Under her proposals, accommodation would be provided for 12 mothers and their babies at Parndon Hall.

Mrs Clare, demonstrating a perhaps enlightened attitude for the time, argued: "The unmarried mother who wishes to keep her child must find as warm a welcome as the child itself.

"She should be enabled to be with him in the house for at least his first

year, whilst she receives guidance in mother craft and home-making.

"After this, a further training, if she would accept it, in her own job or at a local technical college; after which she should be free to go out to earn her keep and his, until such time as she could establish her own home, be accepted by her parents or marry."

But as the article goes on to report, the plan did not find favour with Harlow Development Corporation, landlords of the property.

Members were far from impressed that Mrs Clare's plans included a day school on the same site in which the supposedly disreputable young women would be accommodated

● DO you know what became of the idea, or of Mrs Clare? Write to *Nostalgia* with your memories.

The men who helped to build us



NO safety boots or hard hats to be found here; no, a flat cap and a stiff collar were all these builders pictured circa 1950 needed to protect themselves!

This picture was taken in Chippingfield, Old Harlow, and was sent to *Nostalgia* by reader Jennifer Whiston.

"The group of builders includes my father-in-law Jack Whiston, who was a bricklayer, in the middle of the front row," she said. "In those days, a lot of the builders working on the New Town were housed in Chippingfield."

● Do you know any more about this picture? Write to us and share your knowledge with our readers.

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SETBACK FOR NURSERY MOVE

WRIGHTS nursery has again found itself without a permanent home.

The privately run nursery was asked to leave its base at St Michael's Church, in Maddox Road, at Christmas to make way for a sheltered housing scheme.

After a big protest, Harlow Council offered new accommodation at Northbrooks House.

But the Hare Street and Little Parndon Community Association, which administers the site, says it has "rejected the whole idea."

PEACE EXHIBITION'S ANTI-NUCLEAR MESSAGE

HARLOW Peace Year '83 was launched last week when a powerful collection of anti-

nuclear photographs went on display at the Town Hall.

The exhibition, representing about three years' work by London art teacher Peter Kennard, will be in Harlow until March 25.

Mr Kennard spells out the anti-nuclear message in stark, photo-montage style pictures, mostly in black and white, using familiar objects in unusual ways.

HER AIM WAS FOR BETTER HEALTH

A FORMER Harlow councillor, who was devoted to improving public health in the town, has died.

Mrs Millicent Bach was a Labour councillor from 1963-74. Her husband was the late Dr Herbert Bach, himself a pioneer of the health service in Harlow.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Were you involved in Harlow Peace Year '83 or other anti-nuclear protests in the town?

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Insights into the Antarctic

By **BEN WILKINSON**
Chief Reporter
wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk

A COUPLE from Tye Green Village in Harlow are back from a mind-blowing trip of a lifetime to the Antarctic.

Former Harlow Council leader and current Harlow Health Centres Trust chairman Martin Lawn and wife Pat, pictured right, spent three weeks touring parts of the largely uninhabited continent, to fulfil a longstanding dream.

Planned with a strong environmentalist theme in mind, the expedition was led by a team of experts with in-depth knowledge of how the landscape is being altered by climate change.

With about 100 passengers on board, the boat departed from the coast of southern Argentina, stopping off at a number of islands. The party also called in at the British colony of The Falklands.

With weather switching from the benign to force 11 gales, there were times it was impossible to stand up in the boat – but passengers were able to go ashore for some challenging walks and get



up close with wildlife such as penguins and albatrosses.

"The whole experience was amazing, simply mind-blowing, but seeing the effects of climate change at first hand was alarming," said Pat.

"Members of the team of experts, who obviously know the area well, told us how they can now see glaciers retreating just by looking at them; whereas before

they took detailed measurements to prove the erosion, now it's plain for anyone to see.

"I've always been an environmentally conscious person but the experience really did press home the point. As soon as I got back I started looking into how I could get involved with some environmental campaigning. It is an experience we will always remember."

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Shock and roll... it's quake Britain

YOU may have seen the television reports and read in the newspapers the story about the biggest earthquake to hit the UK for nearly 25 years.

The tremors were felt across large parts of England and Wales – and some people living here in Harlow said they felt it too.

The epicentre of the earthquake, which struck in the early hours of last Wednesday morning, was the Lincolnshire town of Market Rasen. But the resulting tremors woke people up in Newcastle, London and even as far away as Cardiff.

The main earthquake lasted for about 10 seconds and measured 5.3 on the Richter scale, which is used by scientists to measure the strength of a

quake. It caused millions of pounds of damage to homes and businesses.

Chimneys collapsed, roof tiles fell from buildings and the emergency services received a lot of calls but luckily no-one was seriously injured.

The last big earthquake to hit the UK measured 5.4 on the Richter scale and struck north Wales in 1984, but a smaller quake was felt in Kent in April last year. What many people don't know is that more than 200 small quakes are recorded in Britain every year.

Some experts have also warned that aftershocks – smaller earthquakes that often come after the main one – may be felt across the UK over the next few weeks.



(photo: XBYXJM4G/07)

Rangers fact file

NAME: Morgan (member 702)
DATE OF BIRTH: March 7, 2004
ADDRESS: Little Grove Field, Harlow
SCHOOL: Hare Street Nursery
HOBBIES: Swimming and ballet
DISLIKES: Going to bed
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti Bolognese
LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Tomatoes
FAVOURITE BOOK: Dribble The Dragon
FAVOURITE TV: Wow! Wow! Wubzy!
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Mika
PETS: Lottie the cat
WANTS TO BE: A nurse

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Happy Birthday TODAY

BRADLEY (member 53F), of Vicarage Wood, Harlow, is 12 and retires from *Rangers*. **FRANKIE-LEE** (member 562), of Chelsea Gardens, Harlow, is 9; **KYLE** (member 920), of Halling Hill, Harlow, is 6.

FRIDAY

MORGAN (member 702), of Springhills, Harlow, is 4

SATURDAY

SADIE (member 158), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, is 12 and retires from *Rangers*.

SUNDAY

REBECCA (member 088), of Moorfield, Harlow, is 12 and retires from *Rangers*. **GRACE** (member 914), of North House, Harlow, is 3; **SCARLETT** (member 781), of Carters Mead, is 2

MONDAY

RACHEL (member 138), of Rivermill, Harlow, and **KATIE** (member 155), of Little Brays, Harlow, are both 10; **CERYS** (member 391), of Stackfield, Harlow, is 7

TUESDAY

BRONWYN (member 597), of Longfield, Harlow, is 9

WEDNESDAY

Twins **MEGAN** (member 611) and **BETHANY** (member 612), of Tithelands, Harlow, are 10.

New recruits

KYLE (member 920), of Halling Hill, Harlow, is 6 today. He enjoys playing with his toy cars, cycling and swimming.

BRADLEY (member 921), of Fennells, Harlow, is 6. He likes swimming, football and playing on his Nintendo Wii.

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WELCOME TO SCHOOLBAG

HARLOW COLLEGE students joined a store to offer a Mother's Day treat; youngsters at ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY showed lots of talent; Sawbridgeworth schools are set to benefit from a local store's generosity; and LEAPFROG DAY NURSERY hopped with excitement for a special visitor.

JIM TANFIELD
Schoolbag reporter

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HOP TO IT!: Ben Ryley and Lucy Dabbs with Bertie

(photo: HJHNGTY/01)

Froggies went a hopping!

LEAPFROG DAY NURSERY: Pupils were jumping for joy when a special guest helped them celebrate February's extra day this year by raising cash for a good cause in the process.

Children at the nursery, off Roydon Road, were joined by the company's mascot Bertie the Frog, for a sponsored leapfrog on leap day, raising hundreds of pounds for Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice.

Spokeswoman Vicky Clift said: "They also spent the afternoon learning about the extra day and what it means – it's really an excuse to do some good with fundraising and have a good time."

Star talents shine at school



(photo: TJXDC7Q/02)

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY: It was a case of a double-take when children from the Partridge Road school got stars in their eyes.

The annual Abbotsweld Talent Show had children singing and dancing like pros. Mini Sugababes went hand-in-hand with characters from *High School Musical* and *Grease*.

Pupils had been practising for several weeks before the big showdown, with Mia Hamilton and Amy Wyatt winning for, respectively, *Hairspray* and *Dolly Parton*.

Headteacher Lesley Lynn said: "It's a really fun event which is run by friends of the school and helps to raise money for the school."



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Harlow College holds three open evenings a year - the next one is on Thursday May 8. It is also the ideal opportunity to see the college's excellent facilities, including brand new, state-of-the-art kitchens and restaurant and new performance theatre.

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**BAGS OF PROMISE:**

Pictured with pupils showing off the new bags are, rear, left to right, Budgens owner Paul Gravelle, manager John Wade, owner Michelle Gravelle and publicist Emma Cameron (photo: JHWRZPMT/01)

Help in store for Sawbo schools

SCHOOLS in Sawbridgeworth are ready to take part in a year-long fundraising bonanza thanks to a community-minded store.

Budgens, in London Road, is hoping to raise £6,000 for **LEVENTHORPE, MANDEVILLE PRIMARY, HIGH WYCH PRIMARY,**

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Customers will be able to make donations at any time while shopping but the store has given each school a two-month slot to use the shop in any way they please to fundraise.

A new £1 eco-friendly bag will also be available, feature the logos of all the schools.

Store owners Paul and Michelle Gravelle said: "We're so much part of our community that we feel it's up to us and our customers to provide support for schools in the area."

Just the thing for valued mums



HARLOW COLLEGE: Deserving mums were given a blissful pampering courtesy of students and a Harlow shop.

Students joined forces with Harvey Centre's Superdrug store to lay on a real treat for Mother's Day.

Hairdressing students gave hair-straightening demonstrations as well as sharing their curling

POLISHED: Emma Ramsey, left, treats Tracey Chippett's nails (photo: KBKBNKPT/03)

techniques, while nail technicians were also on hand.

Floristry students gave a colourful demonstration on how to get the best out of special bouquets bought for the day.



Learn lasting skills for life at Howe Green

HOWE Green House School is known for its personal approach and commitment to high standards of education, it also boasts a strong and active commitment to the family.

Boys and girls can join Acorns Nursery from the age of two years, where places are offered on a sessional basis. Parents can also apply for their children to join the main school in kindergarten at the age of 3 and continue through until 11, when they transfer to a range of secondary schools in both the independent and state sectors. The school has a history of high academic achievement and success in secondary placement at the end of Key Stage 2.

Howe Green House offers a friendly, family atmosphere with small class sizes. It delivers a broad-based curriculum, with a

creative emphasis and pupils benefit from specialist teachers in music, sport, drama and ballet.

Parents are actively encouraged to be partners with the school in their children's education. The school values the child for its unique personal qualities and seeks to provide lasting skills for life, strong self esteem and a sense of wonderment and reflection.

Howe Green House is set in seven-and-a-half acres of beautiful countryside, only five minutes' drive from Bishop's Stortford and with the new A120, only 15 minutes' drive from Great Dunmow.

Enquiries and visits to the school are always welcome. Please contact Lesley Hubbard on (01279) 657706 or log onto the school's website www.howegreenhouseschool.co.uk.

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BURTON. — Dorothy. Rearranged time of funeral, 10th March at 12.00pm.

PAT COLLIN
Passed away 1st March.
A sister so loved
A sister so brave
A sister so missed
God bless.
Joan, Joyce, Sheila and Barry.

PAT COLLIN
Our best friend and Nanny, who passed away peacefully on 1st March, will be missed so much. She was always there when we needed her and always made us laugh. We both have lots of good memories to treasure forever. We loved her lots. From Jen and Claire xxx

PAT COLLIN

Passed away peacefully at home comforted by her family 1st March 2008. She was a much loved Mum to Steve, Debbie and Terry, her strength and encouragement will continue to inspire us. We will miss you more than words can say and will always be in our hearts. Funeral to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Friday 14th March at 2pm. All enquiries please contact Daniel Robinson 01279 426990.

ANDREW CRACKNELL (PC 605 CRACKNELL) RETIRED

Suddenly at work on 25th February 2008, aged 52 years. The beloved husband of Karen, a dear dad to Jennifer and Peter, devoted son of Glenna and Jim and brother to Alan. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends and work colleagues. Andrew's funeral service is to be held on Friday 7th March 2008, at St. Mary and St. Hugh Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow at 1.30pm. Followed by a private cremation at Enfield Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. (Cheques made payable to MFH charities Account). All enquiries and donations to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Telephone 01279 626238

EVERSLEY GILKES (ROY)

Much loved father and inspiration. Passed away peacefully in his sleep on 26th February 2008. He will be greatly missed. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 3.30pm. Donations for the North Essex PCT send c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 146 High Street, Epping, Essex, CM16 4AG. Tel: 01992 560890



CARL HODDLE

Passed away suddenly on Saturday 1st March 2008, aged 40 years. Dearly loved husband, dad, son and brother. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Friday 14th March 2008 at 12 noon. Flowers or donations made payable to 'Epping Breast Cancer Unit' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

BRIAN KEELING

Sadly passed away on 26th February 2008 aged 73 years. He will be sadly missed by his sons, Howard and Peter and their families and friends. Family flowers only but donations made payable to "Essex Air Ambulance" may be sent to Daniel Robinson and Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Tel No: 01279 426990

GEORGE EDWARD WALKER

17-3-1938 - 28-2-2008
It is with much sadness that Grace, Sue, Pam and family announce the passing of George. A much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad who will be so greatly missed but forever in our thoughts and hearts. He passed away peacefully at home with his family around him after losing his long battle which he so bravely fought. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Tuesday 11th March 2008 at 3.30pm. All welcome. Flowers or preferably donations payable to "Haematology Trust Fund", c/o 248 Halling Hill, Harlow.

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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JIM HITCHCOCK
6/3/05
To our wonderful dad and grandad. So sadly missed but our memories last forever. All our love Gill, Dave and all the family xxxx

GEOFF MOSS

6th March 2004
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
You are forever in our thoughts
We will never forget you.
Edie and family

MULVEY. — Berni. 4.3.06. There isn't a day that goes by that we all love and miss you. You're always in our hearts. Love Gwen and family. x

PATRICIA OLSEN

Remembering a dear Wife, Mum and Nana on the 7th March. 9 years have passed, but the pain still remains. All our love Alf, Mark, Rebecca, Ellie, Sam, Iain and Gemma xxxxxxxx

MICHAEL COLIN PARSONS

In ever loving memory of my dear son and brother, taken from us suddenly 10th March 95 also remembering your birthday. Deep in our hearts, memories are kept, of someone we loved and will never forget. All our love Mum, David and Martin xxx

REDINGTON. — James. To my dear friend who would have celebrated his 29th Birthday on the 12th of March. Thinking of you always. Love Jamie.

JOHN STEVENS

No matter how hard I try I cannot put into words how I love and miss you I just hope you know how my heart is breaking Happy birthday my love Love you always Chris xxx

Return Thanks

MCCARTNEY. — Tom. Anne and family wish to express their thanks to all who attended the wonderful service conducted by Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Andrew, in their recent bereavement. Thanks to all family and friends for their help, those who sent messages of sympathy, and also flowers and donations from neighbours. Sincere thanks to Daniel Robinson & Son for their care and consideration.

CHARLIE MOORE

6.03.02
Forever in our hearts and memories. Love always Sandra, Brian, Kerry and Jo

LEPLEY. — Bill. Ten years have passed. Always in our thoughts, will never be forgotten. Love Mandy, Steve, Peter, Lorraine and Darren.

NAIRNE

Peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hospital on February 25th, Marjorie Maud, aged 97 years. Beloved aunt of Patsy, Steve, John, Pat, Vic and Pam. A resident at Frank Foster House, Theydon Bois and previously Church Leys, Harlow. Service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 7th March 2008 at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations to her late husbands Parkinsons Society may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

ANNE WEBER

Passed away 26th February 2008
Funeral 10th March at Parndon Crematorium, Harlow at 2.30pm.
Flowers if you wish to Daniel Robinson, Funeral Directors.

In Memoriam

TREVOR BUTLER
12th March
My Darling Trev
My Best Friend
My True Love
Miss you so much
Forever in my heart
Love Val
xxxx

TREVOR BUTLER
Dad
Passed away 12th March 2007
Though you were taken from us physically we know you're there in our thoughts and hearts still guiding us. Miss you Dad. Love from Wayne and Philip
xxxx

CLARK. — Joan. Darling mum, no matter how I spend my time, no matter what I do, there is always a longing in my heart for yesterday and you. Thinking of you today, tomorrow and always. Your loving daughter Jocelyn.

DORIS THRELFALL (DOT)

Passed away 21st February 2008 at Princess Alexandra Hospital after a short illness aged 93. Mother of Jean, widow of Tom. Funeral service at Parndon Wood Chapel on 7th March at 11am.

STEPHEN AUSTIN NEYLON

Peacefully in the Princess Alexandra Hospital on 4th March 2008, aged 76 years. The beloved husband of Berna. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends. R.I.P. Stephen will be received into St James with St Luke RC Church, Staple Tye, Harlow on Monday 10th March 2008 at 5pm. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Michaels Church, Ennistyman, Co Clare, Ireland, followed by interment in the cemetery. All flowers and enquiries please to the funeral directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

ARTHUR KENNETH (KEN) MASON

Born 5 April 1903 in Great Glen, Leicestershire. Passed away peacefully on March 3rd at Herts & Essex Community Hospital aged 104. Railwayman for 43 years. Retired in 1966 and moved to Harlow to join daughters Kathleen Lawes and Pauline Sheville. Longest resident of St Michael's Close. Will be fondly remembered always by his friends and family, including four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, who would like to thank the staff of Cambridge Ward for their kindness in caring for him. Funeral to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 12 March 2008 at 2.30pm. All welcome. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research through Daniel Robinson, Bishop's Stortford 01279 655477.

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Birth Congratulations

IT'S A GIRL



DOLAN

Scott and Denise
Congratulations on the birth of Isobel Holly, 27th February 2008. Lots of love from all your friends at Herts & Essex Newspapers

16th Birthday



NATASHA GRIGGS

Happy 16th Birthday March 10th.
Enjoy your day.
Lots of love from Nan, Grandad, Stuart, Kay, Lewis, Jack
xxxxxx



STEVENS BEN

10th March.
Happy 18th Birthday, with love, Mum, Dad, Tom, Jamie, Bobbi and Billie.



CAMILLA BOYNTON

Happy 30th Birthday to my remarkable daughter.
Enjoy your Birthday Ceilidh!
All my love for a happy, healthy and successful future.
Mum X

GERRARD SMITH Happy 40th



Love from Peter and everyone at Alemite Athletic



SWEENEY : SMITH
Good Luck Kerry and Neil.
Love Mum and Dad, Donna and Jel, Colleen and Paul.

IT'S A BOY



DANIEL CLARK and KATIE BRYANT

Congratulations on the Birth of Ryley John Clark 3.3.08.
Love Mum, John, Kelly, Nan and girls
xxxx

1st Birthday



FREDDY LEE

You Little Devil
A big Happy 1st Birthday for the 9th of March.
Love you.
From Grandad Graham and Nanny Maria
xxxxxx



GEORGE

Happy 16th Birthday Son.
All our love and best wishes, love your family, Mum, Warren and Molly
xxxxxx

21st Birthday



DANIEL JACKSON

Look who's 21.
Happy Birthday Daniel.
Love you loads, Mum and Rave.



LOOK WHO'S 30! JAMIE WATSON/WICKER

Happy Birthday with lots of love, all your family and friends xx



GERRARD SMITH

Happy 40th Birthday. Love from Mum and Dad
x

80th Birthday



EDNA REED

Looking Good!
Happy 80th Birthday Mum/Grandma 11-03-2008
Lots of love Rita, Richard, Emma, Stef & Tommy

Ruby Wedding



MAUREEN and BARRY LEEDER

Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 9th March. Lots of love Joanne, Richard, Lucy, Emma, Andrea and Bryn. xx

Births

DOLAN

Dizzy and Scott
"Congratulations" on the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Isobel Holly. Can't wait to see her!

Lots of love to you all Claire and Michelle
xx



FREDDIE-LEE

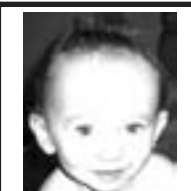
Happy 1st Birthday.
We love you forever Nanny, Dean, Auntie Chloe and Uncle Craig
x

Birthday



KELLY

Happy 25th Birthday on Sat 8th March.
Lots of love Auntie Jane, Steven, Sam, Stu and Carly



To our beautiful son FREDDIE-LEE WILKINSON

Happy 1st birthday We love u so much
xxxxxx
Love Mummy and Daddy



GRACE BRIODY

07.03.08
Happy Birthday Princess, my daughter, my best friend. Love you lots, Mum and Karl.



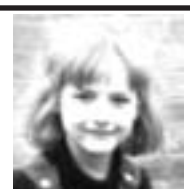
Happy 18th CHLOE HARVEY

have a lovely day. All our love Mum, Gary, Dean, Callum and your daughter Macie. Love u lots, Mummy
xxxx



GRACE BRIODY

Happy Birthday sis, hope you have a great night. Lots of love Bronagh and Frankie.



EMILY SHUTE

Happy 18th birthday. Love from all your family xxx



DANIEL JACKSON

Happy 21st Birthday, March 6th 2008. Love Nan, Richard and Lisa.



TO OUR MUM VANESSA BAKER

Best wishes on your 40th birthday. Lots of love Aiden and Todd
x



LOOK WHO'S 40 RUTH TURNER

nee Hyde
4th March
Happy Birthday from all your family
xxxxxx

Congratulations

M.B.E. BURAKOWSKI ANTONI

Congratulations Toni on being awarded an M.B.E.

All our love, Mum and Dad, Anna and Jan, Theresa, Roger, Paul, Simon, Karen and James, Daniele and Jon.

Diamond Wedding



Joan and Charlie BLACKABY

To our Mum and Dad, Nan and Grandad, congratulations and best wishes on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. All our love, The Family.

Engagements Congratulations



TANYA DUERDEN and CRAIG SHORT
Congratulations on your Engagement on 29th February. Wishing you love and happiness always. Lots of love Mum and Dad, Karley and Danny xxxxx

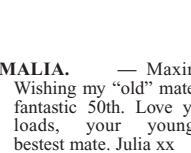
Golden Wedding



BANKS

Golden Wedding Anne & Reg March 8th 2008

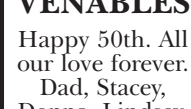
50th Birthday



MALIA. — Maxine. Wishing my "old" mate a fantastic 50th. Love you loads, your younger bestest mate. Julia xx



LOOK WHOS 40 TRACEY SHAKESHAFT
Love you always Elliot and Emily
xx



MAXINE VENABLES
Happy 50th. All our love forever. Dad, Stacey, Donna, Lindsey, Tommy and grandchildren
xxx

YOUNG. — Julie. Happy 50th Birthday 7-3-08. Love all the children and grandchildren.

Marriage Congratulations



SMITH : SWEENEY

Neil and Kerry
Congratulations on your Wedding Day 7.3.08.
Love from Mum and Dad x x

Thankyou

Thank you

Mum and Dad would like to say thank you to Linda, David, Steven, Michele and Scott for our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party.

JONES. — Dee and John. Would like to say thanks to all our family and friends for the cards and pressies.

10th Birthday

Happy 10th Birthday! BETHANY AND MEGAN



Have a great day, now that you are 20! All our love Mum, Dad, Samuel, Elliott-Louise and the rest of the family xxx



EMILY SHUTE

Happy 18th. Love you always Dad xxx



CAMILLA BOYNTON
Happy 30th Birthday to my fantastic girlfriend. Some things improve with age, and you're one of them. All my love, always, David xx



GERRARD SMITH

Lots of love on your 40th birthday. From Kate, Amy and Matthew
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CF Oakes is owned and run by Steve Oakes, son of the company's founder, Charlie Oakes. Steve does all of the fitting work himself and

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Competition pressed to top parlour's lead



IRON ANNIVERSARY: Jeanette Webb, left, and Tina James

(photo: RZVDSQ4S/01)

A HARLOW firm is steaming into its 21st year of trading after flattening the competition with its dedicated team of ironing experts.

Recently taken over by Tina James, The Ironing Parlour – run from her Brockles Mead home – has been serving the local community for 20 years this month after years of hard work built up a loyal customer base.

Originally set up by now-retired Carol Jaggers in 1988, the firm has gone from strength to strength over the years and boasts a team of seven ironers plus three collection and delivery drivers.

The firm has a new website – www.theironingparlour.pizco.com – which lists the wide range of services it offers, including professional ironing of clothes, bedding and curtains, dry cleaning, alterations, and even holiday vacuum packing to help squeeze your summer wardrobe into a suitcase!

The company covers a 15-mile radius from Harlow and offers a

By **CHRIS MOSS**
moss@hertsessexnews.co.uk

free pick-up and drop-off service for all customers, who can even have their items returned within 24 hours for an extra fee.

Mrs James – who began her career with the firm as a delivery driver – said: “We’re the longest-established ironing specialists in the town and I think people know they can trust us to deliver excellent results every time. “We’ve expanded over the years to meet the increasing demand from our loyal customers and now offer a first-class service to the people of Harlow.

“When Carol first started out all those years ago, there wasn’t another business of its kind in the town. Since then, others have tried to follow her lead but The Ironing Parlour has proved it’s here to stay.

“I’m confident the business can continue to grow as we take on more and more customers – hopefully, we’ll still be offering the same quality services in another 20 years!”

To contact the firm or find out more about the services it offers, call (01279) 419819.

Praise for law firm's damage claims record

A HARLOW law firm has won an astonishing £8m in damages in one year for clients who have suffered medical accidents.

Attwater & Liell, in West Gate, specialises in clinical negligence cases and has won several multi-million pound payouts for victims in a series of out-of-court settlements.

One high-profile case saw a Harlow boy awarded £2.4m in compensation after suffering brain damage at birth, while a girl from Essex received a staggering £4.1m in a similar case.

Leading independent legal publisher Chambers recently lavished praise on the firm with a report finding it to have built “an impressive reputation”, while legal charity Action Against Medical Accidents also applauded the legal team for its “creative and lateral approach”.

David Kerry, head of clinical negligence at Attwater & Liell, said: “It’s always gratifying to receive praise for what we do, as we have from a number of authoritative sources over the past year.

“But now we can provide the hard evidence to show the outcome of our hard work. We have a very committed and expert team and they all turn out work of the highest calibre.”

New bus routes prove a success

A NEW bus route linking Staple Tye to Harlow town centre has cut waiting times for shoppers struggling to get home.

Trustybus routes 22 and 33 were set up last month after passengers complained they often had to wait up to 45 minutes for a bus to take them back home from the town.

Now residents of Staple Tye, Kingsmoor and Passmores can rely on two regular services which leave the town centre every 15 minutes, with tickets to all destinations costing £1.

Managing director Helen Bowden said: “Our new routes in Staple Tye have been in operation for several weeks and we are very pleased with the number of regular customers who are travelling on Trustybus. Our passenger numbers are increasing every week.”

For more information about the new routes, visit www.galleontravel.co.uk or call (01279) 428702.

Town firms pay over odds rates

FOUR out of five small firms in Harlow pay twice as much for business rates as they should, according to the Essex Federation of Small Businesses. The organisation said the town is the worst in Essex for taking advantage of the Government’s Rate Relief scheme, with only 245 of the 1,200 companies eligible currently registered.

FSB chairman Bill Pirie said: “We are amazed that there are 955 small business owners who are willing to pay the Government twice as much.”

The perfect place for quality fish and chips



A HARLOW chip shop is frying high after winning a coveted industry award for quality.

Fish ‘n’ Chick’n, in Prentice Place, Potter Street, secured the prestigious Seafish Quality gong after passing a rigorous inspection of every nook and cranny of the firm’s premises and impressing judges on the taste test.

Inspectors looked at where the shop sourced its cod and potatoes, the levels of customer service, food hygiene standards and – most importantly – the finished product.

Manager Petrit Cokaj was overjoyed at the glowing commendation and felt it was just reward for the tireless efforts he and his staff make to provide

CHIPPING FORECAST: Pictured are manager Petrit Cokaj and Nicole Payne (photo: MTDPTWDN/04)

customers with outstanding service. “We go to great lengths to ensure that we provide our customers with a high quality, competitively priced product, served by a motivated workforce in a clean and pleasant environment,” he said.

“Our cod is caught for us in Iceland and all the fish we use is only supplied from sustainable, well-managed fishing grounds, and our potatoes are sourced from farmers that we know can provide us and, more importantly, our customers with a crispy, golden, fluffy chip time after time.”

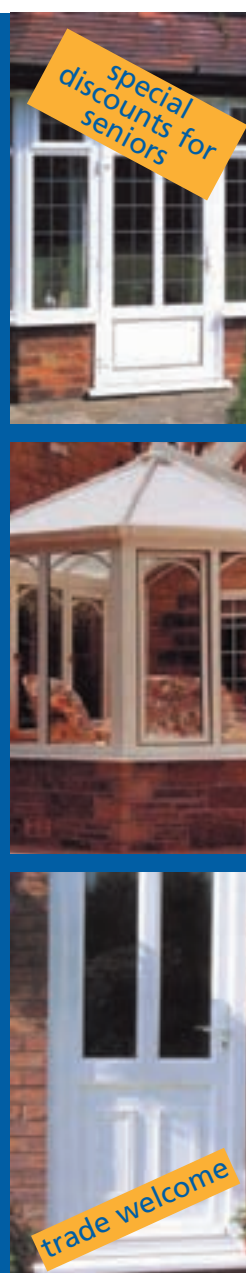
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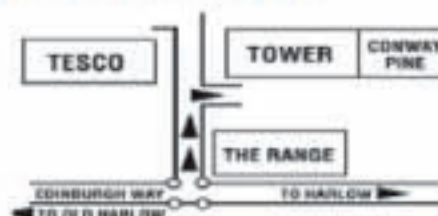
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Alcohol seized by police from young drinkers

MORE than 100 cans of alcohol were seized from under-age drinkers during a two week crackdown in Harlow.

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Among the haul were alcopops, lager and vodka and several two-litre bottles of cider.

Youngsters stopped had their details taken and letters were sent to their parents. They were also quizzed about where they obtained the alcohol and the details were forwarded to Harlow Council's licensing department.

PC Daniel Taylor said: "The operation was very successful and we will continue to target underage drinkers to ensure their safety and reduce anti-social behaviour, especially with the summer months approaching."

Gusts hit power

FALLING trees brought down power cables and left some homes without electricity in Old Harlow as gale force winds hit the area at the weekend.

Firefighters were called to 30 incidents throughout the county as gusts battered the UK on Friday and Saturday.

Euro poll shows referendum call

By CHRIS MOSS
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VOTERS in Harlow have made it clear they want a say on Europe, with almost 90 per cent demanding a national referendum on the EU Treaty.

More than 13,600 ballot papers were returned from the 35,302 sent out to residents on the Public Register for the town-wide poll by the I Want A Referendum campaign group; 88.7 per cent voted for a national referendum on Europe and 90 per cent said the Lisbon Treaty should be rejected.

The results were welcomed by Harlow Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate Robert Halfon, who helped promote the ballot.

"This is an astonishing result by anyone's standards," he said. "For nearly 39 per cent of those polled to return their ballot papers in what was an unofficial poll just shows the strength of feeling in favour of a referendum on the EU Treaty, and that people in Harlow are overwhelmingly against it."

The impressive 38.6 per cent turnout was a blow for Harlow MP Bill Rammell, who as recently as Thursday told a public debate on the issue he would be "very surprised" if residents voted.



DEBATE: Pictured, left to right, are Mark Glendening of the Democracy Movement, Derek Scott of I Want A Referendum, debate chairman Ron Kingsmill, Federal Union chairman Brendon Donnelly and Bill Rammell (photo: HJTFRVB/01)

At the packed meeting in the Churchgate Hotel, Old Harlow – where he argued against staging a referendum – Mr Rammell called the local poll a "sham referendum" and said there was "little point in holding a national referendum on what is only a minor technical amendment to the Treaty."

But, speaking after the landslide victory, he said: "This was not a representative ballot –

only 50 per cent of constituents were sent a ballot paper and even among those who did receive them, many people boycotted the ballot as they saw it as a political stunt."

"I am clear, however, that I and the Government need to do more to convince people that this minor technical amending treaty, which is what the Lisbon Treaty is, is not the same as the original EU Constitution."

Cuba support at Co-op meeting

THE retirement of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro was among the topics of discussion at Harlow Co-operative Party's annual meeting

Members gathered on Wednesday to review activities of the past year, including the party's successful campaign to

get Harlow designated a Fair Trade town. There was also debate on Princess Alexandra Hospital's bid to become a Foundation Trust.

Spokesman Frank Jackson said: "The party is affiliated to the Cuba Solidarity Campaign, so there was considerable inter-

est in the news of Fidel Castro's stepping down from the presidency of Cuba.

"While recognising there are valid criticisms of some aspects of the Cuban regime, it was felt the national media never gave credit to the achievements, such as health and education."

Amanda's chosen as a Mum In A Million!



PROUD mum Amanda Hicks was piled high with gifts after she was named West Essex's Mum In A Million.

The 42-year-old, of Barley Croft, Harlow, scooped the prizes for winning the competition organised by the Harvey Centre and Star after being nominated by her son Nathan (19) and daughter Rebecca (14) because of the way she has coped bringing them up as a single mum.

On Friday, she walked away with an array of goods put up

MUM'S THE WORD:

Pictured, left to right, are Rebecca, Amanda and Nathan Hicks (photo: RMZQGPZ/05)

by shops in the centre.

Speaking about being voted the area's best mum she said: "Sometimes, being a mother can seem relentless but this shows that they do appreciate what you do for them and that they do think of you as a good mum. I am extremely proud and this made my Mothe's Day."

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the guide



HEADS YOU LOSE

Natalie Portman stars as one of Henry VIII's ill-fated young loves

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Hilarious reworking of a Victorian Gothic gem

GOTHIC and comedy are rarely terms you hear in the same sentence but not so in this hilarious stage reworking of Oscar Wilde's allegorical novel.

The play shows Wilde at his most bitter, firing a volley of poisonous epigrams at the Victorian society which was forcing him to keep his homosexuality closeted.

And while the content is deadly serious, being brim-full of Faustian tragedy and self-loathing, the company seamlessly and sympathetically brought humour to the fore.

Painter Basil (a top Bohemian rendering from Richard Latham) completes portrait of Dorian (a whimsical William Vasey) and declares it to be a shift in art due to its beauty. This is confirmed by Basil's hedonistic friend Lord Henry Wotton through a hypocritically stoic Victorian offering by Mario Vernazza who, seemingly bewitched by Dorian's radiance and naivety, uses him as a pawn in his anti-Victorian lifestyle, basically a euphemism for homosexuality.

Dorian is taken with this lasciviousness and swears an oath that it shall be his picture which ages and not he.

REVIEW

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

The European Arts Company
The Playhouse, Harlow

Now hidden in his attic, the portrait morphs into the image of Gray's shame, becoming uglier with every sin - including the suicide of his shamed lover actress Sybil Vane (a superbly tongue-in-cheek Jennifer Bryden), the death of her brother Jim (the cast's physical comedy expert William Hartley) and Basil's murder, all done over a period of 18 years without Dorian ageing a day. Eventually the portrait wins and Dorian dies a withered old man, alone.

Caricatured Wildean Victoriana and Jessamy Willson-Pepper's brilliantly clever set in which all the accoutrements of an artist's studio were used for each prop made this a very funny production which at no point detracted from the horror of it all. Director Jonny Kemp's undoubted Monty Python influence, with cross-dressing aristocracy and two-fingers to English pomposity, worked a treat.

This is what English companies do best and it's good to know this theatrical gem of a group hawks its skills in foreign lands.

Jim Tanfield

An arty start to festival



HARLOW'S celebrations for International Women's Day this Saturday got off to an enthusiastic start with the opening of an art exhibition at Harlow College.

A town-wide art competition attracted dozens of entries, with the results displayed in the college's reception until tomorrow (Friday). On Saturday, the artworks will join stalls, displays and activities at the Latton Bush Centre, in Southern Way, for the annual festival which marks women's achievements.

WOMEN'S WORK: Pictured, left to right, are Paul Jarvis, Jenny Lushington and Judy Travers (s)

The theme this year 'is Women In Employment and activities include a wide range of displays by the college in which visitors will be able to try their hands at catering skills as well as many crafts proving very popular with women looking for a job with a difference. Other attractions include a live band, ethnic food stalls and displays by women's groups.

A mix of hysteria and sadness



PRIVATE FUNCTION: Pictured in rehearsal are, left to right, Elspeth Morrish, Robbie Chittick and Dan Powell (photo: W2LHHGMZ/05)

LAUGHTER, sadness and more than a touch of strong religious belief combine to create an emotional rollercoaster in the forthcoming production by Harlow's Moot House Players.

Private Fears in Public Places by Sir Alan Ayckbourn brings together seven characters in a series of delicate, not to say embarrassing, situations.

Considered one of the top 10 theatrical events of 2005, it's "a high speed romp through a medley of emotions", according to director Jon McNamara.

He added: "It's mostly hysterically funny with flashes of unexpected sadness to add balance. Sir Alan displays his natural genius in a play that is both 'typical Ayckbourn' and yet radically different."

Player Bridget McAlpine added: "It's been very challenging but great fun to work on and we look forward to a good run. We have all worked together before, so all the actors have a good rapport."

Private Fears in Public Places will be staged at Moot Hall, in The Stow, from Thursday to next Saturday at 8pm.

Tickets cost £8 (concs £6) from the box office on (01279) 639170 or www.moothouseplayers.com.

arts diary

MUSIC: The high voltage rock of AC/DC electrifies tomorrow (Friday) at The Playhouse when tribute Live/Wire come to town at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (£12 concs) from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC: Swing is the thing when Dr Teeth Big Band bring their own brand of jump jive to The Playhouse on Saturday. Dancing in the aisles begins at 8pm and tickets are £12 (£10 concs) from (01279) 431945.

BOOKS: Rock chick Suzi Quatro takes part in the Essex Book Festival at The Playhouse on Tuesday to talk about her autobiography *Unzipped*. The talk starts at 7.45pm tickets are £10 (£8 concs) from (01279) 431945.

FILM: As part of The Playhouse's new Film Festival, next week's offerings include space documentary *In The Shadow Of The Moon*, much-lauded Ian Curtis biopic *Control* and Ang Lee's *Lust Caution*. Tickets and times are available from (01279) 431945.

ART: Private collector Ronnie Duncan's free exhibition of paintings and sculptures inspired by 1950s British modernism continues at The Glibberd Gallery until Saturday week.

ART: Anne Allanson's landscape and seascape *Mixed Moods* exhibition continues free at Parndon Mill Gallery, off Elizabeth Way, until March 30.

MUSIC: Harlow Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert takes place at St John's ARC, off Market Street, Old Harlow, on Saturday. Schumann and Beethoven concertos can be enjoyed from 7.30pm. Tickets from £5 from (01279) 442447.



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Sisters love a king and try to keep their heads



KING'S THINGS: Scarlett Johansson, left, and Natalie Portman star in **THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL** (S)

JUST when you thought Tudor chic was so last year, the seemingly irrepressible cottage industry churns out another 'authentic' period drama hot on the heels of the flawed *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*.

But director Justin Chadwick has done little to safeguard his picture's credibility by casting some impossibly good-looking A-list talent to romp around in and out of their bodices while a flustered and improbably sensitive Henry VIII gets all hot under his ruffled collar.

Concentrating on an apparent battle between the

THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL
certificate 12A, running time 1h55m

Boleyn sisters to win the attentions of their dastardly king, the film – an adaptation of Philippa Gregory's popular novel of the same name – purports to shed some light on the story of the sibling who didn't lose her head.

Natalie Portman plays Anne, portrayed as a voracious man-hunter with one eye on the throne and the other on her royal lover's impressive codpiece.

The only thing is, young rascal Henry (Eric Bana) is not exactly well-versed in the virtues of monogamy and, worse still, he is also bedding

Anne's meek, unassuming little sister Mary (Scarlett Johansson).

Matters aren't helped by the girls' spineless father, Sir Thomas Boleyn (Mark Rylance), and scheming uncle The Duke of Norfolk (David Morrissey), who are more than happy to have the king juggling both mistresses.

After all, a Boleyn in the bed could one day mean a Boleyn on the throne, especially as Henry's plain and pious first wife, Catherine of Aragon (Ana Torrent), has only managed to produce a girl before hitting the menopause.

The rest is – quite literally – history, with Anne cajoling her man into starting the English Reformation so he can get a divorce, before eventually falling foul of court rumours and intrigue, paying the ultimate price with her life.



Camera's clue to an assassin

VANTAGE POINT

certificate 12A, running time 1h30m

WHEN the US president attends a War On Terror summit in Spain, Thomas Barnes (Dennis Quaid, pictured above) and Kent Taylor (Matthew Fox) are two of the Secret Service agents protecting him.

This is the first action Barnes has been in since he took a bullet for the President just six months earlier and he's understandably a little bit cagey about having to protect him again.

But all Hell breaks loose when the president is shot twice by an anonymous assassin upon his ascent to the stage and bombs detonate all over the arena.

Tourist Howard Lewis (Forest Whitaker) believes he's inadvertently filmed the killer and Barnes sees an opportunity to redeem himself by trying to piece together the identity of the man who pulled the trigger.

Player tackles being a father

THE GAME PLAN

certificate U, running time 1h56m

AS a general rule, wrestlers and movies should never be mixed, as anybody unfortunate enough to see Hulk Hogan hamming it up in *Mr Nanny* will know.

So when a fluffy family comedy starring Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson as the hapless father of a precocious little madam quietly creeps into the box office, the omens really are not that great.

Johnson plays NFL quarterback Joe Kingman, a mega-rich superstar who lives alone, parties with supermodels and spends money like water.

But when eight-year-old Peyton (Madison Pettis) turns up and announces she's his daughter from a previous relationship, working out a faultless game plan to win his team the championship takes a back seat to learning how to be a father.

sound check with Chris Moss

EVER since the NME coined the phrase nu-rave and Topman started stockpiling day-glo tracksuits for the first time since 1988, we've been besieged – with a few exceptions – by rubbish bands with questionable dress sense and rudimentary keyboard skills desperate to jump on an eternally doomed bandwagon.

But the curse of nu-rave could well be lifted with the arrival of these five electro-punks, whose electronica-infused disco-rock sets them apart from the legions of their musically challenged peers.

Combining the Klaxons' sense of the surreal with the urgency and relentless drive of Bloc Party, their day-glo choons belt along at a ferocious pace; all mouth-watering disco-biscuit beats, genre-shredding guitars and breathless, near-hysterical harmonics wrapped tight in a fetching cape of psychedelic colour and complexity.



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gig guide

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SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – showcase gig

FRIDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Flood Of Red; Dividing The Line; Open The Skies

QUATTROZ, The Rows, Harlow – The Telegrams; Model Horror; Chasing Stacey

CROWN, Market Street, Old Harlow – White Heat

GREYHOUND, School Lane, Harlow – Butterscotch

HARLOW CRICKET CLUB, Chippingfield, Old Harlow – Murray Torkildsen & The Sweeney

SATURDAY

SHARK, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Triple X

BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Mayfair

CD reviews by Louise Sassoon, Ben

SEVENTH TREE

Goldfrapp (album, Mute)

Think Katie Melua's voice with hints of Morcheeba's production and John Lennon's genius psychedelia and you'll be half way to understanding what's going on in this album. Forget the dreary single *A&E*; the other nine mesmerising songs are what sets this latest work by the British singer/producer duo apart from the chart chaff and sends them racing off into the stratosphere towards an level of their own. More laid back than some of their previous electronic dance work but bound to get a thumbs-up from fans nevertheless.

ROCKFERRY

Duffy (album, A&M/Rough Trade)

On the face of it, there are plenty of reasons to dislike this – she's number one in the singles chart for starters. But despite this and her rather ordinary, sometimes slightly shrill voice, it's actually quite a beguiling listen. Amid the traditional, '70s-tinged tunes of this thinking man's Amy Winehouse are surely some future classics, not least the enticing Bernard Butler-produced title track opener.

also showing

BANK JOB. Apparently based on the true story of the 1971 Baker Street bank robbery, Jason Statham stars in a twisting tale of secrets, lies, royal scandals, Government gagging orders and how one of the biggest blags in British history took place with no arrests made nor any cash recovered.

THE ACCIDENTAL HUSBAND. When radio talk show host Emma Lloyd (Uma Thurman) advises one of her listeners to break up with her boyfriend, the jilted ex sets about getting his revenge in this disappointingly flat rom-com.

BE KIND REWIND. Jack Black goes to work to save his best friend's video store after he accidentally erases all its tapes, recreating well-known big budget movies such as *Robocop* on a preposterous shoestring budget for the store's most loyal customer.

PENELOPE. The charms of Christina Ricci are employed in this tale of a woman cursed with a pig's nose until she finds true love.

THE WATER HORSE. Family fantasy about a lonely boy who discovers a mysterious egg which hatches into a sea creature of Scottish legend.

RATATOUILLE. Brilliant CG film about a gastronomic rat who can cook up a storm trying to save his favourite Parisian restaurant from a critic's poison pen.

STARDUST. A high maintenance girl gets her man to enter a forbidden land in order to retrieve a fallen star – talking of which, Robert De Niro's in it.

DADDY DAY CARE. Two men get laid off work and become stay-at-home dads when they can't find jobs, inspiring them to open their own kiddies' day-care centre.

monday classic

BRICK LANE. The moving story of a beautiful young Bangladeshi woman who arrives in 1980s London, leaving behind her beloved sister and homeland for an arranged marriage and a new life.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Shining a light into moral darkness

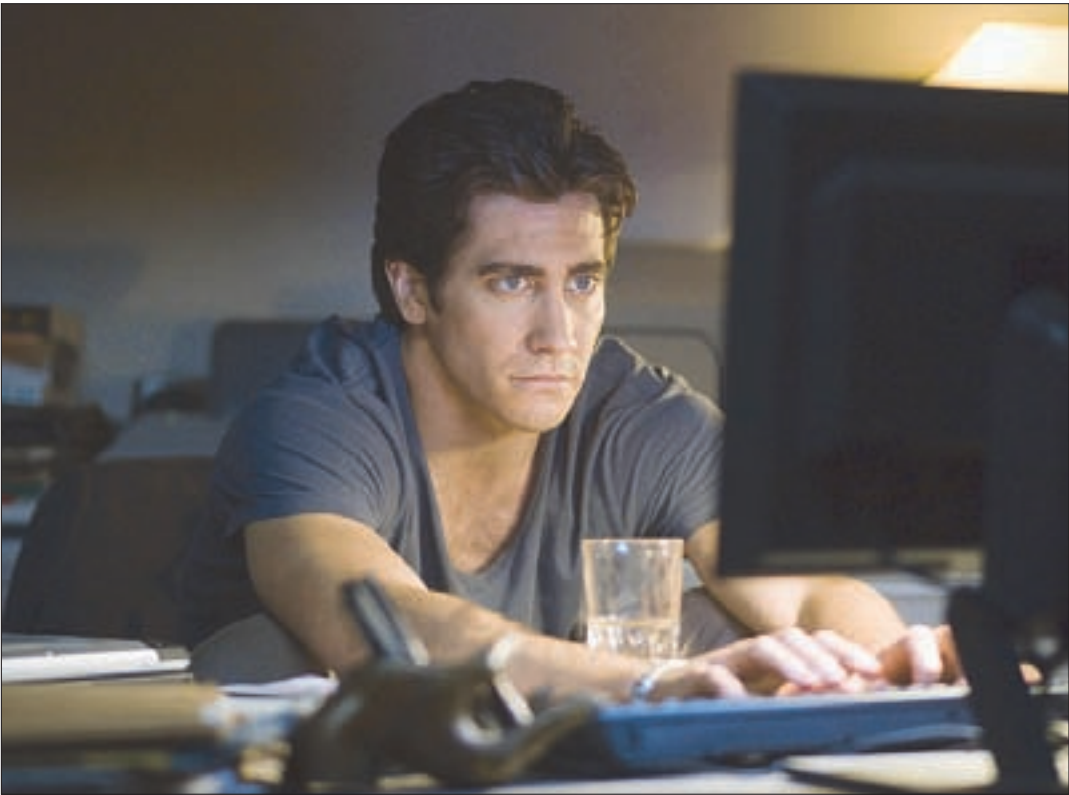
RENDITION
(Entertainment In Video, 15, retail & rental)

It's a relatively brave mainstream film that dares to focus on one of the nastier realities of US foreign policy. In case you've been in a cave (other than Tora Bora) for the last few years, 'extraordinary rendition' is abhorrent Governmentspeak for spiriting terrorist suspects away and smuggling them to countries which permit torture, where they can be beaten, abused and near-drowned for information while the US gets to maintain its moral and ethical facade. When a suicide bomber detonates in an unspecified North African country and claims an American agent among his victims, Egyptian-born Anwar (Omar Metwally) is targeted on a flight from South Africa to his home and family in Washington. Snatched at the airport, he's black-bagged, questioned and put on a secret flight to the country in which the bomb went off on the orders of the hawkish CIA terrorism head (Meryl Streep, on icily credible form). Once there, he's beaten, drowned, electrocuted and kept naked in a filthy hovel at the hands of the local police, all witnessed by CIA analyst Douglas Freeman (another solid performance from Jake Gyllenhaal) on his first assignment as an observer. Anwar clearly knows nothing, but what the hell? Zap enough volts through him and he'd give up Nelson Mandela as his terrorist contact. Back in the US, his increasingly frantic and heavily pregnant wife (Reece Witherspoon) encounters a conspiracy of silence and resorts to pulling in a favour from an old flame in the political system to find out if her husband's even alive. Woven around Anwar's plight is the story of the interrogator's daughter and her illicit love for a young man drifting ever-further into radical Islam. *Rendition* doesn't pull its punches in depicting the brutal reality of waterboarding and other tortures employed by the US through its regional stooges. That said, the film's frustratingly opaque as to the credibility of the slim evidence which first put Anwar on the radar, and the kind of conscience developed by key characters, as well as the pat 'hey, it's all going to work out' ending, smack overly of glib Hollywood.

Star rating: ★★★★★

DEAD MARY
(Momentum Pictures, 15, retail)

For a melange of slasher influences liberally souped up with big meaty dollops of *The Evil Dead* and John Carpenter's *The Thing*, *Dead Mary* works very well and should keep most horror fans solidly engaged. A group of college friends meet up in a remote cabin for a reunion and for once they're not the usual 2-D clichéd combo of virgin, nerd, sluts and jocks; the film even has the courage to take its time and let you get to know them before wheeling on the fun and games. Eventually, they decide to play a game of Dead Mary, a bit of a *Candyman* deal involving a mirror and candle which doesn't look much fun at all, and nobody should be surprised when it turns out something really did gatecrash the party. Whatever it is kills off the friends in a variety of messy ways only to have them resurrected as smart-



mouthered, murderous cadavers as difficult to get rid of as slugs in a lettuce patch, forcing the survivors to turn on each other. The paranoia levels are well maintained as it's never clear who's still themselves and director Robert Wilson has a gleefully refreshing lack of affection for his characters, keeping some very familiar situations feeling fairly fresh.

Star rating: ★★★

BLACKWATER VALLEY EXORCISM
(Momentum Pictures, 18, retail)

Allegedly based on a true story and filmed under the supervision of a Catholic bishop (and his boss is likely the only one who knows why), this sub-par rehash of *The Exorcist* is banished into the hell of mediocrity by ghastly acting and a tone wobbling pointlessly between docudrama and goofy comedy. A young woman in a remote farmhouse is occupied by a demon and only a Mexican handyman with an unlikely wealth of experience in the field and a trouble local priest who had a fling with her can help. It runs like a knock-off greatest hits of possession movies, complete with the victim suddenly developing knackered dental work and a chain-smoking bloke's voice, a spot of Tourette's and sexual unpleasantness. But, dear God, the acting's utterly abysmal, from the girl's father who delivers every line in an atonal bellow to the priest who's idea of being deeply troubled is to frown as if something's just fleetingly annoyed him; as for the pointless cameo by Jeffrey 'Re-animator' Combs, it's tempting to pass the hat

around and save him from such degrading work. That said, get enough communion wine down your neck, fill a party-sized pyx with jalapeño-flavoured holy wafers and invite some easily amused friends over and there's plenty of inadvertent comedy value to be had.

Star rating: ★

NIGHT TRAIN MURDERS
(Shameless, 18, retail)

Refused a certificate by the BBFC back 1976 and now released uncut, this Italian exploitation thriller from director Aldo Lado is a clear rip-off of Wes Craven's 1972 landmark *The Last House On The Left*. What particularly interesting is how much more accomplished it is than its inspiration; despite starting with a teeth-grindingly saccharine bit of Euro pop and meandering along amiably enough for 30 minutes, it suddenly strikes an unpleasantly seedy and harrowing tone, cranks up the intensity and doesn't stop for breath until the abrupt ending. It's helped no end by a spare, harmonica-heavy score from Ennio Morricone which progressively tightens the claustrophobia as two young girls heading home for Christmas on an overnight train fall into the clutches of a pair of psychotic thugs on the run from the police and a posh ice queen with a nasty line in manipulative sexual sadism. Fans of the work of Dario Argento will also have a ball spotting many of his regulars – *Inferno*'s Irene Miracle is one of the girls, *Suspiria*'s blind pianist Flavio Bucci (who eerily resembles Argento) is one of the street punks and Macha Méril was a psychic in *Deep Red*.

Star rating: ★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Wilkinson and Jim Tanfield

MR LOVE AND JUSTICE
Billy Bragg (album, Cooking Vinyl)

Comparisons are odious, especially when Mr Bragg is involved. It's 25 years since his startling debut, all full of minty fresh, leftie love, and this is his best since. It has a country soul feel, but more rolling hills of Dorset than bluegrass cow-puncher. The themes of freedom and captivity are as strong as ever in his work. *Almost Killed You* is infectious and would have had his hero, the late Joe Strummer, nodding in approval. If you aren't quite getting the 'band' thing – here with the excellent Blokes – then a second disc of him doing the tracks solo should appeal.

SWEET ACTION
The Afternoons (album, Saturday)

Well, it's not about to win any awards for depth, originality or complexity, but if you like your '60s-influenced indie pop extra sugar-coated than you won't go far wrong with this fourth Afternoons offering. Summed up by its ice-cream parlour-themed artwork, the record's simple melodies, ascending chord sequences, catchy hooks and Hollies-esque lyrics make for a likeable collection, guaranteed to brighten the rainiest day.

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Taurus Apr 21-May 21

A sudden change of direction may not be your style usually, but fact can be stranger than fiction this week when exciting opportunities can seem to crop up as if from nowhere. Mars is also giving you added firepower. In fact the main challenge can be dealing with the fallout from those unused to you making such dramatic, spontaneous moves. Call to hear why zany or independent friends are key.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

Get your best suit pressed, the chance to attend an interview can crop up unexpectedly. Saturn is urging you to be cautious about protecting the basics in your world, but it can be through novel ideas that you shine. If you've been looking for a new role in life, it can all happen very quickly. If you leave somewhere, it can leave people gasping. Call me now Gemini for your week in detail.

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

Escaping your usual environs can be revitalising. If this is not possible, tackle the garden, an early Spring makeover can get the blood pumping around your system and work off your extra energy. In terms of everyday routines, even the most conscientious Cancer can crave a little bit of extra spice. At the very least, change the order you do things in. Call me now for exciting news on travel.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

Unusual business ideas or business opportunities may seem to run counter to your more conservative instincts, but then there is the Sun-influenced side of your nature which can see you switched on by challenges. As long as you're not reckless or foolhardy, a good time to think creatively. An old idea may even get recycled in a more up-to-date way. Call to hear why Pisces folk can be important.

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

A relationship can be on and off, or you can meet someone new who is charismatic. Enjoy it while it lasts, because this may have a short, but unforgettable shelf life. In existing relationships, it can be a time to draw a line in the sand and begin anew. The most successful matches find ways of gently reinventing themselves. Think of how you can do this. Call for your romantic scope in detail.

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Feel the overall structure of your world is restrictive? You can show a surprisingly rebellious streak. You need to feel fulfilled. If you're just going through the motions, it won't be enough. At home, if the domestic load falls too much to you, you'll be keen to chivy others into action but then if you're a bit lax this can be a time to rouse yourself Libra. Call to hear why a new job can tempt you.

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

Life needs to be exciting. Both socially and romantically, you can be in the mood to walk a little more on the wild side. If you feel bound by drudgery and restriction Uranus is encouraging you to cut loose. With Mars now settling in the most pioneering of sectors, the world really is your oyster. Near or far away, greater action can help you to feel enlivened. Call for your cash scope in full.

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

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Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

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Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

Money can be made, but costs can crop up. All this can happen quickly so keep your wits about you Aquarius. Ideas of yours people have previously scorned can now win rave reviews. In love? A sultry Virgo can have a tantalising impact on your senses. Agree to avoid getting caught up on minor details and this bond could go from strength to strength. Call me if you feel impetuous.

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

Anyone or anything that holds you back needs to be confined to the past. With the Pisces Solar Eclipse also connecting with Uranus, this can be a time of new and exciting starts. Yet working with others can be become more testing. If you're being asked to put your individuality on hold, it can be hard to accept. Just don't be too rash in your decisions. Call me if you yearn for excitement.

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Previous office experience and a dispensary qualification are desirable, but a willingness to undertake appropriate dispensary training is essential. Key attributes include being patient-focused, working to high levels of accuracy, possessing excellent communication skills, having a good working knowledge of computers and possessing the ability to work as part of a team. The successful candidate must be able to work flexibly to cover holidays, sickness and training.

Further details available from
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Ref: T0053

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Hertford County Court
No. 661 of 2007
TIMOTHY JOHN SEELEY
(In Bankruptcy)
A Duckwork Estimator/Surveyor residing at 50 Great Plumtree, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2NU
In accordance with rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that John Malcolm Titley of DTE Leonard Curtis of 24 Wellington Street, St Johns, Blackburn, BB1 8AF, was appointed trustee of the estate of the above named debtor at a meeting of creditors held on 7th January 2008. Dated: 19th February 2008
J M Titley, Trustee

Essex County Council

(LONDON ROAD, HARLOW)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

EFFECT OF THE ORDER: To temporarily close that length of London Road, in the District of Harlow from its roundabout junction with The Chase to its roundabout junction with First Avenue (Mandela Avenue)/Gilden Way (B183) a distance of 800 metres.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 17 March 2008 for two weeks or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst installation of a booster/pumping station is undertaken.

The alternative route will be via First Avenue (Mandela Avenue), A414, Church Langley Way, & London Road; and vice versa.

Access will be maintained for emergency a service vehicles, residents and visitors all times during the closure.

The Order will come into effect on 17 March 2007 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Dated: 6 March 2008.

County Hall
Chelmsford

Tony Ciaburro
Director of Development, Highways & Transportation

Essex County Council

(GOWER'S SUBWAY, FIRST AVENUE, HARLOW)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE) ORDER 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

EFFECT OF THE ORDER: To temporarily close Gower's Subway located on First Avenue (Mandela Avenue) approximately 167 metres east of the centreline of Mistley Road, in the District of Harlow.

The closure is scheduled to commence on 1 March 2008 for six months or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst construction work to widen the subway is undertaken.

The alternative routes for crossing First Avenue will be via the Pelican Crossings located i) 20 metres west of the centreline of Orchard Croft, and ii) 60 metres east of the centreline of Muskhams Road.

Access will be maintained, to properties adjacent to the closure, for residents and visitors all times during the closure.

The Order will come into effect on 1 March 2008 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Dated: 6 March 2008.

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APPLICATION FOR A
VARIATION OF A PREMISES
LICENCE (Section 34 of the Act)/
(Section 84 of the Act)

Harlow Town Football Stadium, Barrows Farm, Pinnacles, Harlow, CM19 5BL.

Review of licence on 14/02/08

Remove Annex. 2.3, 2.10, 2.12, 2.16

Amend Annex 2.15, 2.17

Provide a working licence condition.

The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, Harlow District Council, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1WG between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday except public holidays. Details are also provided on Harlow District Council's website at www.harlow.gov.uk

Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 1st April 2008.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

GURDIAL SINGH trading as H.E. Hauliers, 2 Pitts Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3XH is applying to add an operating centre to keep 2 goods vehicles at Bardon Aggregates, Station approach, Harlow Mill, Essex CM20 2EL.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at South Eastern-Metropolitan Area, Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making written Representations is available from The Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

SUKHVIR SINGH trading as Jeevan Transport Ltd of 131 Goodman Park, Slough, Berkshire SL2 5NR is applying for licence to use Bardon Aggregates, Station Approach, Temple Mead Ind Estate, Harlow Hill, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EL as an operating centre for 4 goods vehicles and 1 trailer

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KSM PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE
(SOUTH EAST)
LIMITED

COMPANY NUMBER: 03611008
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at ThorntonRones LLP, First Floor, 167 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4LF on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 2.00pm for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 and 101 of the Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a statement of claim, at the offices of ThorntonRones LLP, First Floor, 167 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4LF, not later than 12 noon on Monday 10 March 2008. The proxy form and statement may be posted or sent by fax to 020 8418 9444.

Secured creditors may only vote for the balance of the debt, which will not be recovered by enforcement of the security, unless right to enforce is waived.

Information concerning the Company or its affairs will be available free of charge from the offices of Richard Jeffrey Rones LLP, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of ThorntonRones LLP, First Floor, 167 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 4LF, telephone number 020 8418 9333, during the period up to the meeting of creditors.

DATED 25 February 2008
THOMAS EDWARD LAWMAN
Director

VILLAGE CARS (HERTS & ESSEX)
LIMITED

Company Number: 04589257

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Pearl Assurance House, 319 Ballards Lane, London, N12 8LY on 20 March 2008 at 11.00 am for the purpose provided for in Sections 98 et seq of the Insolvency Act 1986.

David Rubin, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of David Rubin & Partners, Pearl Assurance House, 319 Ballards Lane, London, N12 8LY will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated: 26th February 2008
Simon John Morgan, Director

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SATURDAY MARCH 1

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District Football League, Inter-Div Plate 2nd rnd: Heath Rovers 0, Loughton 4; Potter Street res 0, Potter Street A 8 (Neil Jackson, Kirk Elliott, Tommy Ivory 2, Ian Hawkins, James Drake, 2 OGS).

Prem div: Debden res 0, North Weald 1; Pelly House 8, White Roding 1.

Div one: Albury v Avondale (Albury unable to raise team); Lower Street 1, Langley Rangers 3 (Lee Mayo, James Cutler, Alex Lawrenson); North Weald res 2 (Danny Sibley, Jason Pottle), Hatfield Heath res 1; Thorley Park 2, Frontiers 0.

Bill Bruty Cup 3rd rnd: Sheering 0, Alemite A (Gerard Smith 3); Salvation A 5 (Nathan Blake 3, Ben Ford 2), Dunmow R 0; Old St 3, Quendon A 2.

SUNDAY MARCH 2

Harlow & District Football League, prem div: Ridsen Wd 2, Parndon R 3.

Div one: New Town 2, Maypole res 1; Pollards 1, Unique 4; GPCA res 0, Old Townmead 5.

Div two: Atletico UG 0, Galaxy 3; Rouge Lyon res 1, A&A 3; Eastwick 1, FC Parkside 4.

Div three: Harberts res 1, Maypole Sp 3; St Germaine 2, Matching Utd 4.

Div four: Broadley Common 1, Abbey Albion 2; Cottingham 3, Harberts Old Boys 2.

Div Five Cup final: Eppaldo 1, Harberts A 0 (See next week's Star for report and team pics).

Harlow & District League Cup, 3rd rnd: Epping 0, Marquis Sp 7.

League Cup quarter-finals: Lindsey St 3, Maiden 2; Rouge Lyon 4, Brookside 2; GPCA 5, Rhyno 0.

League Plate quarter-finals: Sewardstone 1, FC Clark 0; Dynamo 2, Altham Grove res 1; Archers Dart 3, Stewards 0; FC Flare 1, Ridsen Wd A 1.

MONDAY MARCH 2

Harlow & District Pool League, div one: Scorpions 8, PAH 4; Stow 8, Trophy Hunters 4; Linkly Lads 8, Behind Bars 4.

Div two: Behind Bars 2, Stow B 7; UG Club 2, Hockey Club 10; Humphrey & Stretton 7, Indestructibles 5; Harlow Community Club 7, Mercenaries 5.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

Ryman League prem div: Ashford Tn (Middx) v Harlow Tn.

Essex Senior League: Sawbridgeworth Tn v Eton Manor.

Essex Olympian League, snr prem div: Epping v Frenford Snr.

Snr div one: Potter St v Stambidge U.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, inter-divisional plate 2nd rnd: Sheering res v Birchchanger.

Prem div: Debden res v White Roding, Loughton v Hatfield Heath, Old Street v Alemite Ath, North Weald v Quendon Ath.

Div one: Dunmow Rhodes v Frontiers, Hatfield Heath res v Lower Street, North Weald res v Salvation Army, Potter Street A v Albury, Thaxted Rangers res v Heath Rovers, Thorley Park v Avondale Rangers.

Rugby

London & South East, div three north east: Rochford Hundred v Harlow.

Essex div one: Maldon v Upper Clapton.

Hockey

NE14 East Men's League div four south east: Saffron Walden II v Harlow.

Essex Women's League, prem div: Harlow v Chelmsford III.

SUNDAY MARCH 9

Harlow & District Football League, prem div: Rouge Lyon v Maypole, Ridsen Wd v GPCA.

Div one: GPCA res v Ridsen Wd res, New Town v Lindsey Street, Maypole Ath res v Harberts.

Div two: Rhyno v Pools, FC Parkside v Galaxy, Atletico UG v A&A.

Div three: Harberts res v Ridsen Wd A, St Germaine v UG, Brookside v Matching Utd.

Div four: Broadley C v Cottingham, Dynamo v Sewardstone.

Div five: Altham Grove res v Stewards Sp, Brookside res v Archers Darts, Eppaldo v Rouge Lyon A.

Essex Junior Trophy semi-final: Maiden v FC Drury.

Harlow & District League Cup quarter-final: Marquis v Parndon Royals.

Div Four Cup final: FC Clark v FC Flare.

HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to & incl Sun Mar 2

Premier Division					
	P	W	D	L	Pt
Great Parndon CA FC.....	13	10	0	3	30
Parndon Royals	15	9	3	3	30
Rouge Lyon.....	11	5	2	4	17
Maypole Athletic.....	12	3	4	5	13
Old Town Athletic.....	12	3	2	7	11
Ridsen Wood.....	11	2	2	7	8
Marquis Sport	8	1	3	4	6

Division One					
Lindsey Street.....	14	11	1	2	34
Old Townmead FC.....	14	9	1	4	28
Harberts FC.....	14	9	1	4	28
Ridsen Wood Res.....	14	8	3	3	27
Maypole Athletic Res.....	14	6	2	6	20
New Town Rangers.....	17	6	2	9	20
Gt Parndon CA Res FC.....	10	4	0	6	12
Altham Grove FC.....	14	3	2	9	11
Unique.....	14	3	2	9	11
Pollard.....	13	3	0	10	9

Division Two					
FC Parkside.....	12	11	0	1	33
Pools Athletic.....	9	8	0	1	24
Atletico UG FC.....	12	7	0	5	21
Rhyno Athletic.....	13	5	2	6	17
Rouge Lyon Res.....	12	5	1	6	16
Galaxy FC.....	12	5	0	7	15
Eastwick Lions FC.....	14	4	0	10	12
A and A.....	13	3	1	9	10
Marquis Sport Res.....	7	3	0	6	9
Barnes Athletic FC.....	0	0	0	0	0

Division Three					
Brookside Athletic FC.....	11	10	0	1	30
Lotton Orient.....	14	6	3	5	21
Ridsen Wood 'A'.....	11	6	3	2	21
Maiden FC.....	10	6	1	3	19
Matching Utd.....	14	5	3	6	18
Maypole Sports.....	14	5	3	6	18
UG United FC.....	12	5	2	5	17
St Germaine.....	11	2	1	8	7
Harberts Res.....	13	2	0	11	6
Talento.....	0	0	0	0	0

Division Four					
Dynamo FC	15	13	1	1	40
Abbey Albion FC	14	8	2	4	26
FC Clark.....	10	8	0	2	24
FC Flare.....	12	7	1	4	22
Harberts 'A'	12	6	2	4	20
Broadley Common FC.....	13	4	3	6	15
Sewardstone Rovers	12	3	0	9	9
Cottingham FC	13	2	2	9	8
Ashfield Albion FC	13	0	1	12	1
Langley Legends	0	0	0	0	0
Sharks	0	0	0	0	0

Division Five					
Epping Athletic FC.....	12	12	0	0	36
Eppaldo FC.....	13	9	0	4	27
Matching Utd Res.....	13	9	0	4	27
Harberts OB A FC.....	12	9	1	2	25
Brookside Athletic Res FC.....	14	5	1	8	16
Rouge Lyon 'A' FC.....	10	5	0	5	15
Altham Grove Res FC.....	11	4	0	7	12
Archers Dart FC.....	14	2	0	12	6
Stewards Spartans.....	15	1	0	14	6

RUGBY

Up to & incl Sat Mar 1

London 3 North East				
	P	W	D	L
Westcliff	18	17	0	1
Diss	18	14	0	4
Harlow	18	10	2	6
Rochford Hundred	18	11	0	7
Saffron Walden	18	9	1	8
Norwich	18	8	1	9
Brentwood	18	7	2	9
Romford & Gidea Pk.....	18	7	2	9
Braintree	18	7	0	11
Chelmsford	18	6	0	12
Ipswich	18	4	3	11
Colchester	18	2	1	15

HARLOW POOL LEAGUE

Up to & including Mon Mar 3

	Division One				
	P	W	D	L	Pt
Stow.....	14	14	0	0	42
Scorpions.....	12	8	2	2	26
Trophy Hunters.....	12	8	1	3	25
Behind Bars.....	12	5	2	5	17
Sharks.....	12	4	2	6	14
Linky Lads.....	13	3	1	9	10
PAH.....	12	3	1	8	10
Marquis.....	8	3	1	4	10
Fairways 8's.....	13	2	0	11	6

Division Two					
The Stow B.....	15	12	2	1	38
Humphrey & Stretton.....	15	8	5	2	29
Indestructibles.....	15	9	2	4	29
Herald.....	14	7	4	3	25
Hockey Club.....	13	7	3	3	24
Harlow Comm Club.....	14	5	1	8	16
Behind Bars 2.....	13	5	1	7	16
Mercenaries.....	14	4	1	9	13
UG Club.....	14	0	2	12	2
The Herald B.....	11	0	1	10	1

HARLOW & DISTRICT PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE

Up to & including Fri Feb 29

	P	W	D	L	Pt
GPCA Servopoint.....	16	13	2	1	90
White Admiral.....	16	11	2	3	89
Young Pretenders.....	15	11	2	2	81
Colt Hatch.....	15	8	3	4	70
Swift Half's.....	15	8	2	5	68
CC Whites.....	16	7	3	6	68
Moot House Arrows.....	15	7	3	5	68
United Glass.....	15	4	3	8	51
CC Foxes.....	15	2	3	11	40
Moot House.....	16	2	1	13	39
Swift Arrows.....	16	0	0	16	16

1	4	6	9	7	8	2	5	3
5	3	2	6	4	1	7	9	8
7	8	9	3	2	5	6	4	1
2	1	5	8	3	9	4	6	7
4	7	3	2	1	6	9	8	5
6	9	8	4	5	7	3	1	2
3	2	1	5	9	4	8	7	6
8	5	4	7	6	3	1	2	9
9	6	7	1	8	2	5	3	4

A day in the life of a Harlow referee

DID you know that of 293 referees recruited by the Essex FA recently, only 67 went on to become an official?

The lack of 'men in black' ultimately threatens the future of local football leagues - if there are no refs then no games can take place!

Terry Rackley first began refereeing more than 30 years ago.

The 52-year-old is chairman of the Harlow Referees Society and vice-chairman of the Harlow & District League.

He referees on Saturdays and Sundays, and is leading the appeal in Harlow for new people to take up the whistle.

Here he gives *Star* readers an insight into a normal day as a man in black . . .



MAN IN BLACK: Terry Rackley referees a Harlow & District Football League match at Staple Tye

By TERRY RACKLEY

“I have previously been given my appointment from the Harlow referees' secretary.

I check the teams out to see where they stand in the league. You can tell a lot by looking at their positions.

I may check previous reports to see if I have had problems with players mouthing off or previous yellow or red cards.

It's Sunday morning and my alarm goes off about 8:30am. The first thing I do is look out of the window to check the weather, mainly to see if it will play a part in today's game. It also helps me decide whether I should wear my long or short-sleeved referees shirt. It's a sunny morning so I decide I'm brave enough to wear short sleeves!

I pack my two whistles, match report forms, pencils, two watches, red and yellow cards. I then put on my refs kit, I pack my clean polished boots and don my sports jacket.

Lastly I put in my contact lenses - yes some refs do need glasses!

On arrival at the venue the banter starts from some of the players, 'Thought you'd given up or retired Tel' or 'Can we have a penalty this week ref - you missed the last one'. I smile back. Sometimes I hear, 'Oh not THAT ref - is he doing us?'

I hope it's because the lads feel that they cannot take liberties or can't get away with winding the ref up rather than that the last time I had them I had a bad game!

I am usually consistent with good marks I get, so I put it down to a slight backhanded compliment.

I check the field of play for glass, litter and dog excrement! When I'm happy with that, I will check the lines, corner flags, goals and nets. I do a stud check to ensure the health and safety of all players.

While doing that, I explain to the lads about foul and abusive language, tempers, my tolerance level and that I do understand between frustration and dissent - talk to me, don't shout at me.

I will make mistakes and so will you, but I don't come over and bowl you out for making them -

nor should you me.

I then call the managers together and get my list of up to five substitutes per team. They can use three from the five, but only those on my list can be used.

I have to have these names by at least 10 minutes before kick-off. I also give the managers my instructions as to what I expect from them, their supporters and the team.

Finally I call the two referees' assistants in and explain what I want from them. Ball in or out of

play, offside if interfering.

I always say to leave the fouls, handballs and penalty decisions to me. They are always controversial and it's not fair for the referees' assistants to get moaned at for a decision. I try to take as much pressure off the 'linos' as possible.

I blow the whistle, meet the captains. It's usually first name terms. We have all been around the football circuit for years, and the respect is still with us.

Shake hands, toss of the coin and we're set. A quick count, yes 22 of them, wave to both keepers, get an acknowledgement back, same again with the 'linos'. All ready, press my stop watches - and we're off.

Games always start off at a fast pace and I am back and forwards, gradually warming up in this sunshine.

Ah, my first foul. I blow my whistle - I have to make a quick decision: yellow, red, quiet word or just a free-kick. No just a free-kick, no harm done.

Happens again this time. The player doesn't go down and keeps the ball. I shout 'advantage' and hear nearby players say 'great decision ref'. Crikey, I've made a decision that all 22 agree with - that's a first!

You can't please players all the time it's impossible, whatever decision you make. Eleven will say it's right and 11 will say it's wrong. So there is always the one that wants to 'yak yak' in your ear the whole game. Every decision - 'yak yak'. 'What sort of decision was that ref?' or 'Oh you saw that one ref - why didn't you see my one'.

In the end I call this player over and tell him that I have had enough of his constant dissent and show him the yellow card. This usually quiets him down, and funnily enough he then starts to concentrate on his own game than get on my or his fellow players' backs.

At the end of the game the majority shake hands with you. I don't think it's personal if they don't. It's just 22 levels of adrenalin and testosterone

Wood polish off cup finalists

RISDEN WOOD U-9s brought cup finalists **LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS** back down to earth with a 2-0 away win in the *Harlow Star* Youth Community League.

A goal in each half from Harry McWilliam and Harry Billington secured the points for Risden.

There was disappointment for **HARLOW TOWN WHITES U-9s**, who lost 5-0 at home to **MARK HALL YOUTH**.

Charlie Shaves and Owen Goddard struck early on for Mark Hall.

After the break Shaves scored a second goal, while efforts from Alfie Collins and Magnus Koskocan concluded the scoring.

In the U-8s, **LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS** lost 3-0 to club-mates the **STALLIONS**. Ronnie Bjord, Michael Pardoe and Max Winstone struck.

In the U-10s, Bishop's Stortford and **LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS** drew 1-1. Jake Messenger got the Langley goal.

Callum Richardson hit a hat-trick as **LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS U-11s** defeated **HARLOW TOWN REDS** 7-1. Other scorers were Shane Hulbert (2), Jake Twomey-Law and Louis Cook.

Gregory Wright was the six-goal hero for **LANGLEY COLTS MUSTANGS U-12s**. Others on target in the 14-0 defeat of Waltham Abbey were George Barden, George Bonney (2), Matthew Paffett, Dan Higby, Brett Hilsden and Jordan Richardson (2).

Other results:-

U-12s - Connaught Rangers 5, Bishop's Stortford 0; Marquis Sports 5, Epping Yth 3.

U-11s - Harlow Town Colts 2, Epping Yth 1; Mark Hall Yth 2, Saturn 3; Waltham Abbey v Apex Yth (p/p).

U-10 gold division - Abbey Yth 11, Risden Wd 0; Bishop's Stortford Tn 0, Epping Yth A 0; Epping Yth B 0, Bishop's Stortford Ath 2.

U-10s silver division - Bishop's Stortford Colts 1, Langley Colts Stallions 1; Epping Yth C 3, Harlow Tn Colts 5; FC Parington 0, Waltham Abbey 5; Harlow Tn Red 3, Kiln Rangers 2.

U-9s - Elsenham Yth 6, Stansted Juniors 1; Epping Yth 4, Langley Colts Mustangs 1; Waltham Abbey 4, Saturn 1.

U-7s/U-8s - Elsenham Yth U-8 2, Saturn U-8 5; Epping Yth U-8 9, Harlow Tn U-7 Whites 0; Harlow Tn U-8 White 9, Risden Wd U-7B 1; Harlow Tn U-7 Reds 0, Mark Hall Yth U-8 0; Risden Wd U-8 2, New Hall Rangers U-8.

Positives despite defeat for Clapton

IT was the performance that mattered for Upper Clapton, who went down 14-8 at Writtle Wanderers in rugby's Essex League division one.

Having lost 50-18 at Millwall the previous week, the Thornwood Common side battled well to only lose by six points.

And Clapton were left bemused when the referee allegedly blew the full-time whistle five minutes early.

The deadlock was broken on 37 minutes. Clapton's Tim Philips floated a kick forward and Dan Smith scooped the ball up before going over for a try that was converted.

Three minutes later, Clapton prop Scott Peattie was sin-binned for retaliation.

Danny Elmer, who has returned to help coach the club, came on as a temporary prop while Peattie was off.

On 47 minutes, slick handling by the Clapton backs culminated in winger Tom Roberts scoring an unconverted try.

Clapton went 8-7 ahead on the hour through Smith's long-range penalty.

A Writtle prop and Tom Roberts were sin-binned after an incident.

Writtle scored a converted try on 70 minutes to wrap up the points.

Late goal stuns Sawbo

THE Robins' hopes of a home point were temporarily lifted and then dashed in a dramatic 2-1 defeat against Mauritius Sports & Pennant in the Essex Senior Football League.

Sawbridgeworth Town were trailing 1-0 in the third minute of injury-time on Saturday when they were awarded a penalty after Chris Parillon fouled Adam Sontag in the box.

Dan Crook held his nerve to convert the penalty, but almost immediately from the restart Roy Jones fired his second goal into the top corner for the visitors.

Earlier, Jones had put Mauritius ahead on two minutes when he volleyed home.

Win over bottom side boosts drop fight

EPPING'S fight against relegation received a boost when they won 3-1 at basement side Manford Way in a six-pointer.

Saturday's result leaves Epping third from bottom in the senior premier division of the LFC Insurance Essex Olympian Football League.

The visitors went ahead after 20 minutes when a cross from the right was not cleared and Cheng Mparupsa tucked home from two yards.

Mparupsa made it 2-0 on the half-hour mark when the home keeper's pass to a defender bounced off the

latter and the Epping player picked up the loose ball and rounded the keeper before scoring.

Manford halved the deficit on 65 minutes when a cross was nodded home by Tom Aires.

Any doubt about the result was settled on 83 minutes. Chris Muir took the ball from just inside the Manford half and he beat a defender before firing past the oncoming keeper from 18 yards and into the net.

With second-placed Ongar drawing 2-2, table-toppers **POTTER STREET** stretched their lead to three

points at the top of senior division one with a 2-1 home win over Herongate Athletic.

Herongate went ahead against the run of play on the half-hour mark when Darren Hickson fired home after the hosts failed to clear.

Street equalised on 50 minutes. Carl Smith's cross from the left resulted in Chris Grove's shot being parried before player-boss Rob Campbell netted.

The winner came on 65 minutes. A Mickey Kennedy shot was stopped before Jimmy Cochrane turned in the rebound.

A Tayl of fortune

Harlow nearly blow three-goal lead

Harlow Tn 3, Harrow Borough 2

(Ryman League, premier division)

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IN THE NET: Mark Taylor, out of picture, scores from a free-kick to put Hawks 2-0 up
Photo: Dave Tully (PBWHZH2K-04)

MARK Taylor showed what the Hawks have been missing in 2008 but assistant boss Bill Songhurst admitted the hosts 'got out of jail' after almost throwing away a three-goal lead.

Harlow Town grabbed their first after just 37 SECONDS and were 3-0 up on 12 minutes, with one goal and two assists from Taylor, making his first start since January 5 against Hornchurch.

However, Ryan Kirby's men took their foot completely off the gas before holding on to what could yet prove to be a crucial victory in their battle to beat the drop.

"We got out of jail today," said

Songhurst afterwards. "We lack that killer instinct. You cannot go on the back foot. They put us under pressure for most of the game.

"We need to be more positive in our approach. We don't believe in ourselves enough. When you have someone on the ropes you have to finish them off."

Harlow were missing injured midfielders Dave Lee and Danny Hill, so swiftly recalled Jordan Fowler from his loan spell at Cheshunt.

Southend loan star James Lindie and David Obaze were also dropped to the bench.

Taylor he had an immediate impact as his left-wing cross was stabbed in at close range by Raphael Sylvester.

Then on six minutes Harlow grabbed a second. Taylor's free-kick missed everyone and sailed into the

top right corner.

On 12 minutes the rampant Hawks scored a third. Another whipped in Taylor free-kick was met by Harrow striker Danny McGonigle, but his attempted clearance looped over keeper Josh Lennie and into the net.

Harlow pulled a goal back on 21 minutes when Beckett Hollenbach upended Jonathan Constant and James Bent fired the spot-kick into the bottom left. "It was a stupid penalty to concede and after that goal it was one-way traffic," added Songhurst.

As half-time approached, Bent (shot) and Jonathan Constant (header) went close for Harrow.

The visitors dominated the second half, but Danny Brown's long-range effort which just cleared the bar was the closest they came until late on.

Harlow offered little threat in attack

but with a two-goal advantage a win seemed a given. That certainty subsided on 81 minutes when Hawks keeper James Hasell made a hash of a clearance and Harrow substitute Victor Assombang drove the ball into the net, beyond Hollenbach, who lost his footing as he tried to clear.

However, Harlow held on.

Songhurst added: "It could have been far worse. But we are not going to have the luxury of a three-goal lead in most games!"

HARLOW TN: Hasell 5, Davis 5, TAYLOR 7, Hollenbach 6, Kirby 6, Chapman 6 (Obaze 71), Lalite 7, Fowler 5, Bunn 7, Curley 6 (Akers 66), Sylvester 6 (Lindie 80). Subs not used: Dumoulin (gk), S. Gliddon. Att: 251.

● **STRIKER** Dean Williams has joined Southern League premier division Cheshunt on loan.



TRIBUTE: Harlow Town players pay tribute to the late Carl Huddle, inset, the brother of former Spurs legend Glenn Huddle. Former Hawks player Carl, a salesman at the Gates dealership in Edinburgh Way for many years, passed away earlier this week (see page 3).

Equaliser buoys Kirby's Hawks

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On 23 minutes, Horsham's Stefan Cox headed onto the bar from a Matthew Geard cross, before the ball was scrambled out for a corner which gave the visitors the lead.

Geard's flag kick was drilled home by Eddie French.

Hawks keeper James Hasell got down low to stop a sharp 16-yard drive from Lee Carney early in the second half.

When Horsham went down to 10, Harlow rallied and Jordan Fowler had three chances but was unable to take any of them.

The hosts had a let-off on 73 minutes when Horsham's Danny Davies shot over from six yards with only Hasell to beat.

The Hawks equalised on 83 minutes when James Bunn slipped Mark Taylor's corner in at the near post.

"When they [Horsham] went down to 10 men, they put more men behind the ball but we kept moving the ball about well. We kept plugging away."

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis, Taylor, Hollenbach, Kirby, Chapman (Williams 75), Lalite, Fowler, Bunn, Curley (Akers 38), Lindie. Subs not used: Gliddon, Obaze, Dumoulin (gk). Att: 147.

Hawks clinch East Region League title

Vytis 87, Harlow Hawks 91
(East Region Basketball League)

SHAB Niaz was full of praise for Harlow Hawks' depleted squad which clinched the East Region League title when they won at Peterborough-based Vytis on Saturday.

Harlow had just six players against a home side backed by an impressive fan base.

Niaz said: "The result speaks volumes for the effort of the guys that showed up. It wasn't our tallest line-up and would have been easy for us to make excuses but instead the guys stood up to be counted."

He added: "The atmosphere created by their local support will not have been experienced by some of our guys before and they applied themselves very well."

Up to the midway point of the first quarter the teams traded baskets as Paul Jessop and Mike Freeman kept the Hawks' score moving.

Harlow enjoyed an 8-3 run to go ahead but Vytis hit back to take a 23-21 lead at the end of the quarter.

Hawks regained the lead through a Shab Niaz three-pointer two minutes into the second quarter.

However, Vytis finished the quarter with a 12-5 run and were 47-39 up at half-time.

Vytis enjoyed a 10-2 run at the start of the third quarter and led by 16 points before a magnificent Hawks revival put them 69-68 going into the fourth quarter.

Harlow kept Vytis scoreless for four minutes while they took a seven-point lead.

A 9-2 surge then wrapped up the points.
HARLOW HAWKS: Jessop (35 points), S. Niaz (21), Freeman (19), Overland (12), Z. Niaz (2), Wright (2).

● HARLOW Hawks remain in contention for the Herts County League division one title after an excellent 79-68 home victory over Enfield Mercs on Friday.

The Hawks had the better of the first two periods and led 45-39 at the halfway point.

Harlow only led by three points at the start of the last quarter (61-58) before excellent defence ensured victory.

Point scorers were Paul Jessop (26), Mark Haddow (17), Shab Niaz (1), Mike Freeman (11), Dave Spashett (11) and Zaf Niaz (3).

English Cup last 8 side edge out Colts

Youth rugby round-up

HARLOW Colts put in a strong display before losing 22-12 at home to a much vaunted Colchester team.

The mid-Essex side have already reached the last eight of the English Colts Cup (U-19s) and were resisted by strong tackling before falling behind just before the break.

Barney Goodey intercepted a stray pass in the Harlow 22 and sprinted 75m before passing to Dan Hockley who set up Charlie Woodington to score under the posts.

Goodey kicked the conversion and Harlow, fielding many U-18s, led 7-0 at half-time.

Shortly after the break, Hockley burst forward to score an unconverted try.

In the last 20 minutes, Colchester played to their true form and scored four tries with one conversion.

Harlow U-17s missed four regular players and went down to 13 due to injuries in the second half, but still won 17-12 at Braintree.

First-half action saw Rams centre Sean O'Donovan round off an excellent move by scoring an unconverted try in the corner before Tom Shaw went over from a rolling maul for the visitors' second try.

Lewis Alderman converted and Harlow led 12-0 at the break.

The second half saw Braintree score a breakaway try before Mike Blair scored an unconverted try for the Rams.

After going down to 13, the Rams conceded another try.

In three U-13 matches, the Rams drew with Shelford B 0-0, lost to Shelford A 33-0 and then beat a mixed Shelford side 19-7.

Dominic Lane (2) and Vinnie Hunter scored the Harlow tries. Sonny Handscombe and Joe Elston kicked the conversions.

A Danny Smith penalty put Harlow U-16s ahead before visitors Thurrock won 14-3.

Injury mars game as Romford fight back to draw

THE Rams were left kicking themselves after having to settle for a home draw against Romford and Gidea Park.

Flanker Scott Romaine's serious leg and ankle injuries marred Saturday's game, which Harlow were leading 21-14 at the time.

The match was switched to an adjacent pitch at Ram Gorse and back replacement Dave Stradling had to come on for Romaine as the hosts had used up all their other substitutes.

Earlier, Romford had gone ahead in the third minute with a breakaway try by number eight Ricky Howard. This was converted by Matt Phillips.

Four minutes later Rams skipper Ford kicked a penalty, before the hosts scored two good tries on 17 and 22 minutes.

Good handling by the backs saw full-back

Harlow 28, Romford & Gidea Park 28

(London & South East division three north east)

Francis Brown set up winger Simon Vanbeck to go over. Ford missed the conversion.

Then, Will Grimley's pace enabled him to cross the whitewash for Harlow's second try.

Ford converted this try and then kicked a 30th-minute penalty to extend Harlow's lead to 18-7.

Just before half-time, Romford pressure gave them a try through Tom Joslin that was converted by Phillips.

Ford kicked a 54th-minute penalty and Harlow then had two good attacks before Romaine was injured.

Despite this setback, Harlow added a third try when a great interception by Grimley saw him

run 65m to score under the posts. Ford kicked the conversion and Harlow led 28-14.

However, Romford exploited Rams' defensive mistakes to score two tries in the last five minutes through Lu Sarkus and Adam Powell. Both were converted to give them a draw.

Ford added: "It was a strange feeling in the last 20 minutes. As a team we should have seen the game out and won it.

"We were in control and thought we had won it when Will Grimley scored his second try. We missed tackles and made individual errors."

Harlow moved into third spot ahead of Rochford, who lost last Saturday. The two teams face each other at Rochford this Saturday.

HARLOW: F. Brown, Vanbeck, McFerran, Bohl, Grimley, Ford, Harron, G. Brown, Wilkins, Prindville, Snow, Eynon (Weston 55), Barnard (Hawkins 20), Romaine (Stradling 60), Claridge.

It's the boy with the golden gun

Record-breaker James is GB champion

ACE marksman James Huckle belied his tender years to beat a former Olympic Games Gold Medallist and become the first junior ever to win the senior men's title at the British Air Rifle Championships.

James (17), of Old Road, Old Harlow, conquered the best rifle shooters in the country at the Championships, which took place at Bisley in Surrey.

The United Glass Rifle Club member has even quit his A-Level studies at Harlow College to concentrate on trying to become one of the world's best in his chosen field.

James, a member of the Great Britain Shooting team, shot 689.7 to win the senior air rifle title. He finished just ahead of Graham Rudd (685.2) and Hertfordshire colleague Chris Hector (684.8), the former Olympic Gold Medallist.

James missed out on facing his closest rival, Ken Parr jnr, as he was in preparations for the forthcoming European Championships.

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Instead, James took on Hector and Rudd, two of Britain's finest.

He started the final in first place on 587, just two points ahead of Rudd and four up on Hector.

But then the talented youngster moved into top gear with a 10-shot final score of 102.7 – the highest of the day. This came courtesy of eight 10s and two shots of 9.9.

His mum Rosie was not surprised to see her son make history. "No junior has done this before. It was a first," she said after watching him secure the gold medal.

"He has gone from strength to strength. It was nice for him.

"This is the first time this has ever been

done in British shooting."

Ex-Mark Hall School student James should have won this event last year. His score in the junior section was higher than that of the senior section winner's score, but it did not count in the older category as he was entered in the younger section.

James this week set off for Dortmund, Germany, where he will represent Great

Britain in an international match.

He competes in all three categories – air rifle, air rifle prone (when one is lying flat out on the ground) and in the 2.2 event.

His success has just come a tad too late for this year's Olympic Games in Beijing, but James will be a force when the event comes to London in 2012.

For now, he will have to be content with an appearance at the Youth Commonwealth Games in India in October – when more gold medals beckon.

James first took up the sport at 13 and has been a regular at the London Road club for the last four years.

Mrs Huckle explained that he did not take the decision to quit college lightly. "He will put shooting first – he cannot do both. Half his time is spent away shooting. He had to make a decision. He can always be an elderly student and go back to it!

"We said 'chuck it in and go as far as you can in shooting'.

"If he doesn't make the grade it's better that he has had a go. He loves his shooting."

Certainly the college's loss is the shooting world's gain – and it seems the world has not seen the last of this prodigious 17-year-old.



TOP SHOT: GB ace James Huckle
(Photo: HSBM223J06)

Awesome four-some keeps bid to go up alive

A HANDSOME victory over a Romford side battling to beat the drop, kept alive Harlow's slender hopes of promotion.

The visitors refused to give up though and Steve White's men were thankful to an impressive display from keeper Rich Norris, while Rob Chandler was a thorn in Romford's side throughout.

Harlow dominated the opening exchanges and James Smith combined well with Luke Krzoska in central midfield to provide a platform to allow Chandler the freedom to excel down the right flank.

In the first five minutes Chandler broke away to fire in a powerful cross for Smith to

Harlow 4, Romford 1
(NE14 East Men's Hockey League, division one south east)

deflect past the helpless Romford keeper.

Only moments later Chandler doubled the lead with a fine solo effort as he finished superbly with a reverse stick strike from the top of the 'D'.

Romford started to gain a foothold in the game but strong defensive work, in particular from Fred Packham and Joe Symmonds, prevented any real chances for the visiting team.

Harlow continued to look

dangerous on the counter attack, with Chris Shearman-Slack finding space and Chandler always looking dangerous.

Chandler grabbed a second when he fired in a rebound after his initial effort was blocked by the visitors' keeper.

On the stroke of half-time Romford were awarded a penalty stroke but failed to take advantage as this was put wide of the home goal.

But Harlow were unable to reach the break without conceding as a scrambled shot went in off a post.

Harlow continued to press with fast, direct attacks in the second half.

But the Passmores School side suffered a setback when Adam Ottley was sin-binned midway through the second half for a bad tackle.

Harlow overcame the numerical disadvantage as Chandler set up White for a fourth goal, putting the match beyond Romford.

The match ended on a sour note as two Romford players were sent to the sin bin.

Near the end Harlow were awarded a penalty stroke, but Symmonds' effort came back off a post.

HARLOW: Norris, Prodger, Torvel, Packham, Chandler, Smith, Symmonds, Krzoska, Ottley, Shearman-Slack, White.

● HARLOW Ladies' disappointing second half of the season continued as they were thrashed 7-0 at promotion-chasing Havering.

The visitors desperately missed top goalscorer and playmaker Carolyn Rushton in Saturday's Essex Women's Hockey League premier division match.

At least two goals were defensive errors.

Harlow also conceded a penalty flick when Jo Green had no choice but to illegally stop a goal on the line.

Rushton returns this Saturday for Harlow's penultimate game of the season at home to Chelmsford.

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Equaliser buoys Hawks

THE Hawks – buoyed by the late equaliser that salvaged a point against promotion-chasing Horsham on Tuesday – will hope to avenge their home 2-1 defeat to Ashford Town earlier this season when they play the Middlesex club this Saturday.

Harlow Town remain four points off the drop zone after picking up four points from their last two games.

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Horsham 1
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Midfielder Danny Hill and central defender Leo Roget, both ruled out recently with chest infections, will return for the Ashford match, but Dave Lee (ankle) could be out for up to four weeks. Scott Curley is also a doubt after going off with a hernia injury against Horsham. Player-boss Ryan Kirby is banned for this game after a dismissal against Hastings, as is central defensive colleague Danny Chapman.

Kirby said: “When they beat us, that started a good run for them and hopefully they [Ashford] will be playing some football and that will suit us.”

At Barrows Farm on Tuesday, Horsham were leading 1-0 when they had Simon Austin sent off for a second bookable offence after he kicked the ball away on 57 minutes.

Midway through the first period, Austin was shown his first yellow card for kicking out at Mark Taylor, who was also cautioned for his role in the spat.

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COURAGE: Physios give Rams star Scott Romaine oxygen after the player broke his left leg and dislocated his ankle against Romford on Saturday. *Inset*, the brave player gives the thumbs up despite clearly being in incredible pain

Horror break for Rams ace



HORROR: Star photographer Dave Tully's shot reveals the point of impact as Scott Romaine's left leg buckles after his awkward fall during Saturday's 28-28 draw (TKNMR4KD-09)

RAMS skipper Nick Ford said Scott Romaine is in the club's thoughts after the player sustained horrific injuries in the side's home league match against Romford & Gidea Park.

Flanker Romaine fell awkwardly after he was tackled, resulting in him sustaining a break to his lower leg as well as a serious ankle dislocation in the 60th minute of Saturday's game.

The Harlow captain said: “We wish him all the best. He is a close personal friend.

“He is a well liked and respected member of the squad and he will be sorely missed. He was our Player of the Year last season and is most consistent.”

Harlow were leading 21-14 at the time of the accident and the match was delayed 10 minutes while he received treatment before being taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow by ambulance.

Ford said the Romford player involved in the incident could not be blamed. “It was a bit of a mystery one. There was no malice,” he said.

The match was moved to another pitch as Romaine could not be moved quickly enough.

Romaine was discharged from hospital earlier this week after undergoing surgery.

The match finished as a 28-28 draw. See page 39 for match report.

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